

The Church of St. Martin-in-the -Fields

The Second Sunday
of Advent

December 10, 2017



8:30 a.m. SAID EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Fr. Philip

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The Collect (*see leaflet inside*)

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalm 85.8-13 (*see leaflet inside*)

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-15a

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

Homily: Fr. Philip

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Communion

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday	7:30 p.m.	Advent Lessons & Carols
Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Mattins
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Advent Discussion Group
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Pickleball
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice



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The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian
The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan

11:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Fr. Philip

Nursery Care (for infants & children up to 4 years old) and
Church School classes are available downstairs.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introit Hymn 103

Winchester New

Greeting, Collect for Purity, page 185 (green book)

Kyrie/Trisagion, page 186/7

The Collect *see leaflet (standing)*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalms 85.8-13 (*see leaflet*)

Tone 7.1

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-15a

Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha Alleluia *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Maranatha Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

Sermon: the Rev'd Canon Susan Bell

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Prayers of the People 12, page 119

Confession and Absolution, page 191 (*please kneel*)

The Peace, page 192

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 106

Ascension

Prayer over the Gifts (*see leaflet*)

Eucharistic Prayer 3, page 198

The Lord's Prayer, page 211 (music, page 918)

The Breaking of the Bread 5, page 212

The Communion, page 213

Communion Hymn 100

Psalms 42

Motet

Prayer after Communion, page 214—bottom

The Blessing

Hymn 108

Merton

The Dismissal

Please join us for refreshments downstairs after the service

Toiletries for Out of the Cold

The Out of the Cold programme at St. Matthew's, Islington that is supported by our parish is looking for toiletries to give to those who come to the weekly dinner. Do you have small toiletries (toothbrushes, small toothpastes, disposable razors, travel size shaving cream, travel size deodorants, shampoos, soaps etc.) that you could donate? Please place your donations in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Altar Guild needs your help

Would you have an extra hour or two on Thursday morning, Dec. 21st or Friday morning, Dec. 22nd that you could come and help the Altar Guild as they clean and prepare the church for Christmas? Please contact Roberta (rslaking@gmail.com) or Adrienne (abeecker@gmail.com) if you could help.

Nativity Pageant

Parents are reminded that for the Sundays of Advent the children of the parish will be rehearsing the Nativity Pageant to be presented as part of the liturgy at the Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. service.

Stewardship: Celebrating and Sharing our Gifts

A reminder from the Stewardship Committee to please return your commitment form, and Time and Talent sheets. Thank you.

FaithWorks

Many people choose to make charitable gifts at the end of the calendar year. Please remember FaithWorks in your giving! The Diocese of Toronto's coordinated campaign to 18 agency partners, in the Diocese, the far north, and internationally, has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of men and women in difficult circumstances. You can get to know some of them on the webpage at <http://contact.toronto.anglican.ca/FacesofFaithWorks>. Your donation (cheques should be made out to St. Martin's) can be placed on the offering plate, clearly marked for FaithWorks. (The parish retains 15% for our own local outreach efforts!) At Christmas, we remember that our Lord was born into poverty, and we too can express solidarity with the poor with our generous support.

The Christmas Story

The Christmas Story has been a Toronto tradition since 1938 at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Eaton Centre. The volunteer cast along with professional musicians present this amazing hour-long Nativity pageant over three weekends, December 8-10, 15-17, 22-24. There are 4:30 p.m. matinees and 7:30 p.m. evening shows on many of the days. Please check the web site at thechristmasstory.ca for dates and times and to reserve tickets.

Large Print

Large print editions of the leaflet and hymn book, and hearing enhancing ear pieces are available from the sidespeople at the back of the church.

Concert at St. Martin's

The Voices choir with orchestra will present a performance of Handel's *Messiah* at St. Martin's next Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door (\$35 adults, \$25 seniors/students, cash only).

Announcements

Advent Carol Service—Tonight

The Advent Service of Lessons & Carols will take place this evening at 7:30 p.m. We need your help with the refreshments after the service. Many people from our wider community join us for this event and we want to welcome them with desserts and savoury finger foods. If you can help, please speak to Kathie Wagg at the Coffee Hour. If you could help with the set up or clean up, please speak to Cindy Paget.

Redwood Shelter Advent Tree

The Outreach Committee is raising money to help the residents of the Redwood Shelter for abused women and children this Christmas. You can help by buying a \$2 or \$5 ornament to put on the narthex Advent Tree.

Advent Evening of Reflection

This Wednesday, December 13 from 7:30—9:00 p.m. in the Guild Room, Fr. Philip will lead a discussion of Advent themes helping us to prepare for the coming of our Lord now, and at the end of the ages.

Advent/Christmas Newsletter

Please pick up your copy of the Advent/Christmas edition of the parish's newsletter, *The Lychgate*, at the back of the church. Your Christmas offering envelope is included.

Christmas Cheer

Envelopes are available at the rear of the church for those who wish to contribute to *Christmas Cheer*. This money is used to purchase small Christmas gifts for parishioners in nursing homes and shut-in at home and also to assist those in need in our community. We will also be providing Christmas gifts for six refugees from Romero House.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers in the church at Christmas, please use one of the special envelopes available at the rear of the church. Please also put on the envelope the name or names of those in whose memory the donation is made to be included in the bulletin.

Christmas Day Lunch

This is the fifth year that the parish will be serving lunch (turkey and all the fixings) after the 11 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist. If you would like to attend, please see Lindsey Storey and sign the list at the Coffee Hour today. No tickets are required. A donation would be appreciated on the day.

Carolling in the Garden

Next Sunday, December 17th at 4:30 p.m. we will welcome the local community for Carolling in the Garden! Remember to dress warmly – and bring a flashlight with you as well as your voices to welcome our visitors and to sing with enthusiasm! We will be toasting marshmallows and serving hot cider and hot chocolate. If you could help with any of this, please speak to Glen Storey or Kathie Wagg. We look forward to your participation in reaching out to our neighbours.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Jim MacDonald and Helen MacDonald
from Helen & Mark Kolberg.*

*The flowers at the Madonna are given to the glory of God
by Jay & Vicki in thanksgiving for all God's gracious and
bountiful blessings showered upon Camp Nokomis.*

The Collect

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85.8-13

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A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for

new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

2 Peter 3:8-15a

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:1-8

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



THE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ISAIAH 61:1–4, 8–11; PSALM 126

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–24; JOHN 1:6–8, 19–28