

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields  
The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 31, 2017

THE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY  
*The Feast of the Epiphany*  
ISAIAH 60.1-6; PSALM 72.10-14  
EPHESIANS 3.1-12; MATTHEW 2.1-12



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

# 11:00 a.m.: Lessons and Carols with Eucharist

*Celebrant:* Fr. Philip

Hymn 143

Regent Square

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: This Christmastide we rejoice again in the revelation of God's love in the birth of the Christ Child. In scripture, in sacrament, in hymns and carols, we have celebrated and proclaimed this love; we have seen it portrayed at the crèche, in gift, and in the joys of family and friends.

Today we gather to ponder this great mystery of the Word made flesh, and to learn anew the meaning of God's love for us and for the world around us. Let us pray that we in this parish may discover the true depth of this love, and realizing its power and demands, may go forth with renewed faith and hope.

Priest: Let us pray. *(Please remain standing.)*

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**People: Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 63.7-9

Hymn 135

Iris

Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4

*(Please stand.)*

Priest: God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

The Christmas flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of

Ron McCuaig	Bruce McKnight
Swithenbank Family	Agnes & James McKnight
David Yee	Charles & Mary McKnight
Carol Drake	Agnes & Roy Johnson
Freddie Nisan	Bill DeRoche
Ruby Furry	Timothy Collin
Beth Clarke	Vartares & Frances Nahabedian
Gordon Hunt	Marven & Isa Reid
Margaret Drury-Gane	Gregoire Dantcikian
Bernie Moloney	Walter Joseph
Jennings/Martin Family	Edmund Charles
Stanley Fulford	Salomie Wyne
Jason St. Bernard	Robinson Lydian
Franklyn St. Bernard	Vera & Lee Barwick
Allen Hobson	Isabel & Federico Losaria
Sydney & May James	Abelardo Losaria
Charles & Ivy Hobson	Alex Gibson
Anthony Attwood	Al Offstein
Daphne Keith	David Nadeau
Evelyn Pollock	Andrew Leonard
Robert & Mary Christie	Bjorn Jacobs
Jim, Edith & Allister Christie	Indra Gubbins
George & Pam Christie	Bud Laking
Jack Campbell	Barbara Atkinson
Angus MacPherson	Rapo Kananaj
Nell Menzies	Agron Kananaj
Robert & Margaret Pollock	Njazi Kananaj
Lillian King	Joey Stewart
May Leitch	Margaret Kostin
Arthur Yee	Bill Erskill
James Muir	Vince Albert
Costa & Eulalie Rousso	John & Ellie Rousso
Pauline Fallis	Geraldine Pfaehler
Renee Carter	Hans Laufer

## Announcements

### 2018 Flower Chart

A new flower chart has been posted in the narthex. Please put your name by the Sunday(s) that you would like to sponsor the flowers in the church in 2018.

### Tax Receipts

The Envelope Secretary reminds parishioners that in order for donations to be receipted for the year 2017, they must be received at the church by today.

### Christmas Communion

If you know of anyone either in hospital or at home who would like to receive Christmas Communion, please speak to Fr. Philip.

### New Year's Levee

The Bishops of the diocese invite you to the New Year's Day Levee tomorrow at the Cathedral from 1:30 –2:45 p.m. Festive music follows at 3 p.m. then Evensong will be sung at 3:30 p.m.

### Better Sight and Sound

Large print editions of the bulletin and hymn book are available from the sidespeople. Earpieces for increased sound reproduction are also available.

### Thank you

Thank you to all those who purchased decorations for the narthex tree. \$370 was raised and used to buy grocery vouchers for families from the Redwood Shelter who are starting over. Thank you also to all those who made contributions to Christmas Cheer. Your donations allowed us to buy gifts for refugees from Romero House, and for parishioners who are shut-in at home, and also made it possible to help those in need in our neighbourhood.

### Bishop's Town Hall

Bishop Anderson invites parishioners from the York Credit Valley Area to a Town Hall at St. John's, Dixie from 9 a.m. –12p.m. on Saturday, January 13th to focus on long term priorities for mission in our episcopal Area.

### 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.

### 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, shaving soap, shampoos, soaps etc.) that you could donate? Please place your donations in the box at the back of the church.

### Fellowship of St. Alban & St. Sergius

A special evening is planned for St. John's Convent on Thursday, January 25, as part of a revival of the Fellowship of St. Alban & St. Sergius, a society devoted to strengthening the ties between Anglican and Orthodox Christians. The evening will focus on the work of C.S. Lewis with speakers and discussion. Please see the poster for further details.

Priest: May your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations:  
Christ, have mercy,

**People: Christ, have mercy**

Priest: You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn 146

Une Jeune Pucelle

Third Reading: Come and Rejoice *from the Christmas Vespers of  
the Orthodox Liturgy*

Improvisation

Fourth Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Hymn 151

Olwen

Fifth Reading: My Lord's Love *by Dean Eric Milner White*

Hymn 155 vv. 1-4

Puer Nobis Nascitur

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

Hymn 155 vv. 5-7

*(Please remain standing.)*

Priest: In joy and humility, let us pray to the Creator of the universe,  
saying, "Lord, grant us peace."  
By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the  
angel, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O  
Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: O God the Son, highest and holiest, who humbled yourself to share our birth and our death: forgive us our sins and bring us with the shepherds and the wise men to kneel before your holy cradle, that we may come to sing with your angels your glorious praises in heaven; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God, world without end.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 148

See Amid the Winter's Snow

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 6, page 213

The Communion, page 213

Communion / Ablutions Hymn 122

Cranham

Prayer after Communion (*see leaflet*)

Doxology, page 214

The Blessing of the People

Hymn: 154

Antioch

Dismissal

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.*

### Readers

First Reading – Sylvia Hobson

Second Reading – Peter Chauvin

Third Reading – Jane Rozdzilski

Fourth Reading – Frank Bodkin

Fifth Reading – Roberta Laking Kananaj

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. Mattins

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### *Prayer over the Gifts*

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### *Prayer after Communion*

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**