

Christmas at St. Martin's

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant with Sung Eucharist

11:00 p.m. Procession, Blessing of the Crib & Festal Eucharist

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

11:00 a.m. Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, December 30 (Christmas 1)

8:30 a.m. Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

Tuesday, January 1 (Naming of Jesus)

11:00 a.m. Eucharist

Sunday, January 6 (Epiphany)

8:30 a.m. Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Procession & Sung Eucharist

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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018



8:30 a.m. SAID EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Fr. Philip

Greeting and Collect for Purity, page 185

Kyrie, page 186 [*the Gloria is omitted during Advent*]

The Collect (*see leaflet inside*)

First Reading: Micah 5.2-5a0

Psalm 80.1-7 (*see leaflet inside*)

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

Homily: Fr. Philip

The Nicene Creed, page 188

Prayers of the People 12, page 119

Confession and Absolution, page 191

Prayer over the Gifts (*see leaflet inside*)

Eucharistic Prayer 3, page 198

The Breaking of the Bread 5, page 212

Communion

Prayer after Communion (*see leaflet inside*)

The Doxology, page 214

Blessing and Dismissal.



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11:00 A. M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Fr. Philip

The Kid's Church program is available downstairs.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introit Hymn 95

Venez divin Messie

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

Kyrie or Trisagion, page 186

The Collect *see leaflet (standing)*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

Psalm 80.1-7 (*see leaflet*)

Tone 4.5

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Maranatha Alleluia *I am the servant of the Lord;*
let it be to me according to his word. **Maranatha Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

Sermon: Fr. David Brinton

Nicene Creed, page 188

Prayers of the People 12, page 119

Merbecke

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

The Peace, page 192

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 89

Veni Emmanuel

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 117

Es ist ein' Ros

Carol

Prayer after Communion (*see leaflet*)

The Doxology and Blessing, page 214

Hymn 362

Woodlands

Dismissal

Please join us downstairs for refreshments after the service.

enhanced hearing.

Stewardship

A reminder from the Stewardship Committee to please return your completed commitment form and Time and Talent sheet if you have not already done so. The committee is grateful to all those who have returned their completed forms as the information they contain is so important for our planning for 2019.

Tax Receipts

The Envelope Secretary reminds parishioners that in order for donations to be receipted for the year 2018, they must be received at the church no later than Monday, December 31st.

Christmas Crèches

Why not have a look at the collection of crèches (some owned by the parish, others loaned by parishioners) on display in the glass case in the narthex?

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 Day Levee

The Bishops of the diocese invite you to the New Year's Day Levee at St. James Cathedral from 1:30 -3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 1.

Evensong will be sung at 3:30 p.m.

Toiletries for Out of the Cold

At the beginning of January we will begin collecting donations of small toiletries (toothbrushes, small toothpastes, disposable razors, shaving soap, shampoos, soaps etc.) for the Out of the Cold programme at St. Matthew's, Islington that is supported by our parish. These will be given to those who come to the weekly dinner.

Saturday Service & Supper

Mark your calendars now for the next Saturday Service & Supper which will take place on Saturday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m.



Announcements

Carolling in the Church Garden

Join us this afternoon at 4:30 in the churchyard to celebrate the Christmas season. We will be singing your favourite carols plus toasting marshmallows on our 'Christmas camp fire'. All are welcome—young and old alike! Invite your friends and neighbours! Please bring along a flashlight.

Sunday School Parents

There will be a dress rehearsal of the Christmas Pageant in the church after the 11 a.m. service today while parents are at the Coffee Hour.

Christmas Day Lunch

The parish will again 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.

St. Martin's History

The Archives Committee has received an album of church-related photos, newspaper clippings, and correspondence collected by Fr. Eric Osborne during the time he was the Incumbent at St. Martin's (1947-1951). The album will be on display today during the Coffee Hour.

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.

2019 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 2019.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who supported the Advent Tree project with their donations. \$348 was raised to support women and children at the Redwood Shelter beginning a new life. Thank you also to all contributed to the collection at the Advent Carol Service. The proceeds of the collection, \$1,404, will help the ministry of the Out of the Cold programme supported by our parish at St. Matthew's, Islington.

Better Sight and Sound

Large print editions of the bulletin and the hymn book are available from the sidespeople. They also have ear pieces that provide for

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Allen Hobson
from Sylvia Hobson and family.*

*The flowers at the Madonna are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of a lifelong friend, Ron McCuaig,
from Adrienne Beecker.*

The Collect

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

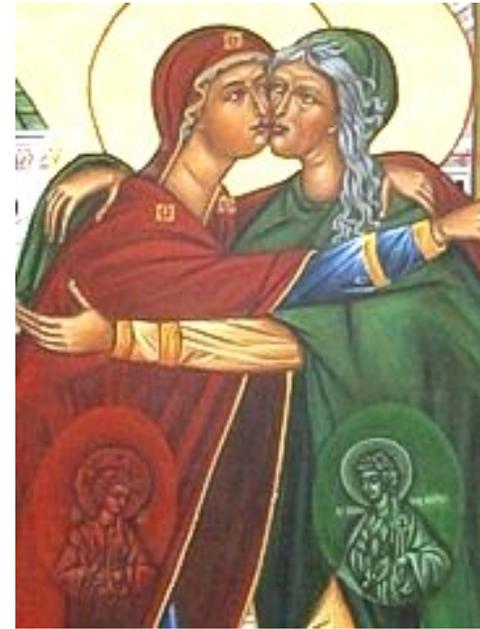
Faithful God in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Micah

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 80.1-7



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A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:5-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Luke 1:39-45