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The Readings for next Sunday
The Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

8:30 a.m. Said Eucharist
Celebrant: Fr. Philip
Greeting and Collect for Purity, page 185 (Green Book)
Kyrie, page 186
The Collect (see leaflet inside)
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122 (see leaflet inside)
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44
Sermon: 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 Lord’s Prayer, page 211
The Breaking of the Bread 5, page 212
Communion
Prayer after Communion (see leaflet inside)
The Doxology, page 214
Blessing and Dismissal.
11:00 A.M. THE GREAT LITANY & SUNG EUCHARIST
Celebrant: Fr. Philip

Kid’s Church is available downstairs

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
The Great Litany (in procession), page 138 (green book)
The Collect see leaflet (standing)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
Psalm 122 (see leaflet)   Tone 7.3
Second Reading: Romans 13.11-14
Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha Alleluia Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Maranatha Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44
Sermon: Fr. Philip
The Nicene Creed, page 188  Merbecke
Confession and Absolution, page 191 (please kneel)
The Peace, page 192

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Offertory Hymn: 114  Helmsley
Prayer over the Gifts (see leaflet)
Music of the Mass: Missa Emmanuel  Proulx
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 96 Conditor Alme Siderum: Fauxbourdon Dufay
Carol
Prayer after Communion (see leaflet)
Doxology, page 214
The Blessing of the People
Hymn: 116 Irish
Dismissal.

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

neighbourhood will be held at St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church (Bloor & Indian Grove) on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Songs of Christmas
On Sunday, December 15th at 7:30 pm at St. Martin’s our Organ Scholar Esther-Ruth Teel, harpist and vocalist, will be joined by special guests for a beautiful evening of song. Admission is by donation. A portion of all donations will go towards Out of the Cold.

Mums & Tots Pickleball
Mums & Tots are invited to join us for Pickleball in the Parish Hall this Thursday, December 4 from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Child care is provided. Please let your friends and neighbours know about this opportunity.

Blessing Box
As we approach the Christmas season – the season of giving – please remember those in our community who may be in need. One way we serve these people is with our Blessing Box – which is continually in need of our assistance. We need non-perishable food, common personal and household items, and now that winter is fast approaching, warm hats, gloves, mitts, scarves, socks etc. for all ages. You can put these items directly into the Blessing Box – as many regularly do – or drop them into the bin provided at the back of the Church. Please also remember the Library and Kids Library sections. Both are regularly used by our neighbours. We especially need children’s books as these are very popular. Thank you for remembering those in any kind of need in our community. St. Martin’s Missional Team

Annual Stewardship Campaign
While this year’s campaign is officially over, your Pledge and Time & Talent form can still be submitted. Your responses are so important to the annual budgeting process and in helping the smooth running of St. Martin’s. You can also submit your response on-line by going to www.stmartininthefields.ca and following the link. Thank you to all who have already provided your pledge.

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 6-8, 13-15, & 20-22. 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 www.holytrinitytoronto.org for dates and times and to reserve tickets.

Better Sight and Sound
Large print editions of the bulletin & hymn book are available from the sidespeople as well as ear pieces that provide enhanced hearing.

Upcoming Concerts
The Healey Willan Singers present a concert, Follow the Star, at St. Olave’s Church on Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. The Voices Chamber Choir presents a concert, Christmas Rose, here at St. Martin’s on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. featuring Britten’s A Ceremony of Carols. Tickets at $20 (adults) and $15 (students/seniors) will be available at the door.
Announcements

Advent and the Prophet Isaiah: Apocalypse, Anticipation, and Action
Join the Rev. Alison Hari-Singh this Advent season to spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on the themes of Apocalypse, Anticipation, and Action in the writings of the Prophet Isaiah. This 3 week series held after the 11 a.m. service in the Guild Room begins today. A light lunch will be served.

Advent Carol Service
Our annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols will take place next Sunday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m. We need your help with the refreshments after the service. Many people from the wider community join us for this service and we want to welcome them with savoury finger foods and desserts prepared by parishioners. Please speak to Kathie Wagg if you could bring some food, and if you could help with set up or clean up.

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 an ornament to put on the narthex Advent Tree.

Christmas Pageant
Our children begin practising today for the Christmas pageant that will take place during the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please contact Grace if you have children or grandchildren that might like to be involved. There are lots of non-speaking roles for children who plan to attend on December 24th but may not be here beforehand.

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 a family of 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.

Parish 2020 Calendars
2020 parish calendars featuring photographs of St. Martin’s garden and church throughout the year (mostly the garden) will be for sale at the Coffee Hour. The cost is $10 each.

Nutcracker Fair
Thank you to all those who worked so hard on the wonderful Nutcracker Fair, and thank you also to our donors and customers. The money raised by the Fair is crucial in providing the necessary financial support for the life and ministries of our parish. This year’s Fair raised the largest sum ever, $11,888.

Ecumenical Advent Service
A special ecumenical Advent service involving various churches in our

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The Collect
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122

1 I was glad when they said to me,*
   “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
2 Now our feet are standing* within your gates, Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city* that is at unity with itself.
4 To which the tribes go up,* the tribes of the Lord,* the assembly of Israel,* to praise the name of the Lord.
5 For there are the thrones of judgement,* the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:* May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls* and quietness within your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions’ sake,* I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,* I will seek to do you good.”

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:11-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Matthew 24:36-44

Prayer over the Gifts
God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion
God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.