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- The Rev’d James Decker  
- The Rev’d Canon Harold Nahabedian  
- The Rev’d Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan  
- The Rev’d Canon David Luxton  

**Donating to St. Martin’s**  
Tax receiptable donations can be made to St. Martin’s by going to www.stmartininthefields.ca and clicking on ‘Donate’ at the top of the web page.

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### DECEMBER 8, 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 11.1-10  
Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19 (see leaflet inside)  
Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13  
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12  
Sermon: the Rev’d Alison Hari-Singh  
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. SUNG EUCHARIST
Celebrant: Fr. Philip
Kid’s Church is available downstairs.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Introit Hymn 105  
Morning Song
Greeting & Collect for Purity, page 185
Kyrie/Trisagion
The Collect see leaflet (standing)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10
Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19 (see leaflet)  
Tone 3.2
Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13
Gospel Acclamation  
Veni Emmanuel
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: Matthew 3.1-12
Sermon: the Rev’d Alison Hari-Singh
The Nicene Creed, page 188
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  
Psalm 42
Carol
Prayer after Communion (see leaflet)
Doxology, page 214
The Blessing of the People
Hymn: 111
Dismissal.

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

your name beside the Sunday(s) on which you would like to sponsor the flowers in the church in 2020.

Annual Stewardship Campaign
While this year’s campaign is officially over, your Pledge and Time & Talent Sheet can still be submitted. Pledges and commitments of Time & Talent are so important to the annual budgeting process and in helping to keep St. Martin’s running smoothly. These can also be submitted on-line by going to www.stmartininthefields.ca and following the link.

Tax Receipts
The Envelope Secretary reminds parishioners that donations must be received at the church by Tuesday, December 31st to be receipted for 2019.

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

Parish 2020 Calendars
2020 parish calendars featuring photographs of St. Martin’s garden and church are for sale at the Coffee Hour. The cost is $10 each.

Christmas Day Lunch
The parish will again be serving lunch (turkey and all the fixings) after the 11 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist. All are welcome. No tickets are required. A donation would be appreciated. A sign up sheet will be available at today’s Coffee Hour.

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.

Upcoming Concert
The Voices Chamber Choir presents a concert, Christmas Rose, at St. Martin’s next Saturday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. featuring Britten’s A Ceremony of Carols. Tickets -$20 (adults) and $15 (students/seniors) - available at the door.

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.
Announcements

**Advent Carol Service**
Our annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols takes place this evening at 7:30 p.m. We need your help with the refreshments after the service as we offer savoury and sweet finger foods to our guests.

**Newsletter**
The Advent/Christmas edition of the parish newsletter, *The Lychgate*, is available at the rear of the church. Your Christmas offering envelope is included with the newsletter.

**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 continues today after the 11 a.m. service in the Guild Room. A light lunch will be served.

**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.

**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.

**Visit of Diocesan Bishop**
We look forward to the visit to St. Martin’s of our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Andrew Asbil, who will be with us at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, December 22nd, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

**Songs of Christmas**
Next 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.

**Carolling in the Church Garden**
Join us on Sunday, December 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the church garden to celebrate the Christmas season. We will be singing your favorite carols plus roasting marshmallows on our “Christmas camp fire”. All are welcome—young and old alike! Invite your friends and neighbours! Please bring along a flashlight.

**2020 Flower Chart**
A new flower chart has been posted on the narthex bulletin board. Please put

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**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 Isaiah**
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. Isaiah 11:1-10

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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of the birthday of Timothy Collin by his mother Kathleen.

The flowers at the Madonna are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Donald Hattey by Isabell Hattey.
For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the people praise him”, and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:4-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear a good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Matthew 3.1-12

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 our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet’s call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.