

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Sunday	1:00 p.m.	Advent Series
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Carol Service
Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Mattins
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Pickleball
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Voices Concert

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

The Second  
Sunday of Advent

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.



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**Incumbent:** The Rev'd Canon Philip Hobson OGS

**Assistant Curate:** The Rev'd Alison Hari-Singh

**Honorary Assistants:** 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](http://www.stmartininthefields.ca) and clicking on  
'Donate' at the top of the web page.

## 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

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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

Psalm 42

Carol

Prayer after Communion (*see leaflet*)

Doxology, page 214

The Blessing of the People

Hymn: 111

Neander

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](http://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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6

*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.*

### **THE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

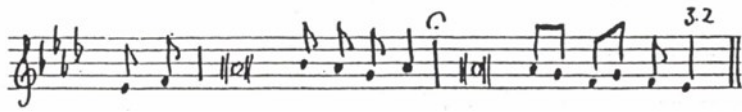
ISAIAH 35:1-10; PSALM 146.4-9;  
JAMES 5:7-10; MATTHEW 11.2-11

### ***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* 3



### Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,\*  
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously\*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,\*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;\*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,\*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,\*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;\*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.
  
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,\*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever!\*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

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### *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

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.**