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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (see leaflet inside)
Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25
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. SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil
Kid’s Church is available downstairs.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Introit Hymn 95 Venez, Divin Messie
Greeting & Collect for Purity, page 185
Trisagion, page 186/87 Gerald Near
The Collect see leaflet (standing)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16
Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18 (see leaflet) Tone 4.5
Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7
Gospel Acclamation Veni Emmanuel
Maranatha Alleluia A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Maranatha Alleluia
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25
Sermon: Bp. Andrew Asbil Merbecke
The Nicene Creed, page 188
Prayers of the People 12, page 119

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Offertory Hymn: 89 Veni Emmanuel
Sanctus and Benedictus: Sparrow Mass Mozart
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 Ridout
Carol The Almond Tree
Prayer after Communion (see leaflet)
Doxology, page 214
Episcopal Blessing
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: The maker of heaven and earth.
Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
People: From this time forth for evermore.
Bishop: The Blessing of the People
Hymn: 141 Noel
Dismissal

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

web site at www.holytrinitytoronto.org to reserve tickets.

Blessing Box
As we enter the Christmas season – the season of giving – please remember people 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 upon us, warm hats, gloves, mitts, scarves, socks etc. for all ages. You can put these items directly into the Blessing Box 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. Thank you for remembering those in any kind of need in our community.

Carolling in the Churchyard

Today at 4:30 p.m.
join us to celebrate the Christmas season
and sing your favorite carols.

Toast some marshmallows on our Christmas fire
and sip a cup of hot chocolate.

All are welcome. Please bring a flashlight.

Christmas at St. Martin’s

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24
7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant & Sung Eucharist
11:00 p.m. Procession and Blessing of the Crib with Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25
11:00 a.m. Eucharist with Carols
followed by the Christmas Lunch

First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 29
8:30 a.m. Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

The Feast of the Epiphany Sunday, January 5
8:30 a.m. Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Procession
**Announcements**

**Welcome**
We welcome as our preacher and celebrant today at the 11 a.m. service our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Andrew Asbil.

**Christmas 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 is available at Coffee Hour.

**Christmas Flowers**
Today is the last day 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.

**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.

**Redwood Shelter Advent Tree**
The Outreach Committee thanks all those who purchased an ornament to decorate the Advent Tree in the narthex. $340 was donated. This money will be used to buy food gift cards to assist individuals connected to the Redwood Shelter for abused women and children.

**2020 Flower Chart**
A new flower chart has been posted on the narthex bulletin board. Please put your name beside the Sunday(s) on which you would like to sponsor the flowers in the church in 2020.

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

**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.

**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?

**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 has been presenting this amazing hour-long Nativity pageant over the past weekends. There are 2 performances this afternoon. Please check the

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**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.**

**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**
Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

*Isaiah 7:10-16*
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,* stir up your strength and come to help us.
3. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4. O Lord God of hosts,* how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6. You have made us the derision of our neighbours,* and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
8. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
9. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
10. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:1-7

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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.