



Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields

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First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent

Welcome! We are glad to have you join us in worship today.

The order of service is printed below. The words of the service are found in the green *Book of Alternative Services*. The words of the hymns (omitted during the 8:30 a.m. service) are found in the blue *Book of Common Praise*.

Our Church School is on break this Sunday but will resume next Sunday.



Financial offerings can be placed on the collection plate. E-transfers can be sent to [cw-stmartininthefields@toronto.anglican.ca](https://www.stmartininthefields.toronto.anglican.ca). Use the QR Code or visit www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate for more information.

We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry.

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Introit Hymn #135

(Iris)

The Gathering of the Community

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Glory to God

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The Collect

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

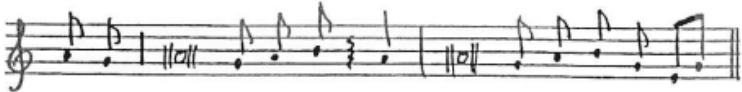
1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111



- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendour,*
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever,*
because they are done in truth and equity.

- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
 he commanded his covenant for ever; *
 holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
 his praise endures for ever.

The Epistle

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #155 vv. 1,2

(Puer Nobis Nascitur)

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn #155 vv. 6,7

Sermon

Father Hatt

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Incarnation Litany #13, p. 120

"In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, **"Lord, grant us peace."**

Parish Prayer Cycle

The Servers; Ariella Binik & Ryan Samaroo,
Jean & Lyon Samaroo, Victoria Roth

Anglican Prayer Cycle

The Episcopal Church

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

The Staff of the Synod Office

Those who have asked us for prayers

Huntly Andrea Wendy Margaret Timothy Debbie Lynda Bill
Sean Raymond Bob John Elizabeth Gordon Phil Jonathan
Mark Jill Ted Fr. Harold Bp. Victoria Janet Marian Ashley
Mary-Elaine Bp. Geoff Woodcroft Bob Fr David Canon David
Aubrey Erma Cole MaryLane Joan Mlynarczyk Bernard Diane
Allan

Faithful Departed

Vern Walborn

*Please send the names of loved ones for the prayer list to Father Hatt at
priest@stmartininthefields.ca*

Confession, Absolution and the Peace

pp. 191-192

Offertory Hymn #156

(Dundee)

Prayer over the Gifts

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3, pp. 198-200

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #6
and the Communion**

pp. 211-213

Priest

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

People **God here among us,
light in ther midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes all Christians who have been baptised in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to come forward to the altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you wish to receive only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest while at the altar. Please let a sidesperson know if you require assistance. The Sacrament can be brought to you in your pew.

Prayer after Communion

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology and Blessing

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Announcements

Final Hymn #153

(In dulci Jubilo)

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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Parish News and Announcements

Advent and Christmas – Thank you

We are blessed by so much and by so many people in our parish at this time of year. Thank you to our Advent preachers, Canon Alyson and Dr Mangina, who helped prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas; to Jack and the choir and our guest musicians, and Lynn and the servers, who helped lead us in worship and praise; Roberta and the altar guild for their care and decoration of the sanctuary; the Scout troop for the Christmas trees; Jay and his crew for the heartwarming parish dinner on Christmas Day; to

Glen for his care for our property and the manger in the garden which marked our daily journey to Bethlehem; to the greeters and sidespeople for the warm welcome they gave to our visitors; to Margaret and Finn for their help in the office; our sexton, Bernard who kept things tidy and took on many special tasks; our youth associate, Finn, who organized the pageant and ministered to our young families; to Judith and our outreach committee who kept our neighbours' needs at the forefront; to Kathy and the Mission group who welcomed the neighbourhood with caroling in the garden; and to so many others unnamed who give of their time, talent, and treasure to serve Christ in this parish. Thank you.

Tax Receipts

Parishioners are reminded that in order for donations to be receipted for the year 2024, they must be received at the church by this Tuesday, December 31st.

2025 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 2025.

Boiler Campaign – Heat it Forward!

“Heat it Forward!” is the new name of our fundraising campaign to restore funds borrowed from our Memorial Endowment Fund to pay for the new church boiler. More information about the campaign will follow in January. In the meantime, however, donations can be made to the fund by placing a cheque or cash in the offering plate, or via e-transfer to the parish. Please indicate that your offering is for “Heat it Forward”.

St. Martin's 2025 Calendars

Our annual calendars are now for sale. Filled with beautiful pictures from around the parish and garden, they make a wonderful gift. Price is \$15 each, or 2 for \$25 and will be available at coffee hour after the 11 a.m. service or by contacting the parish office.

Christmas Market and Auction

Thank you to Tim Stephenson and everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Market and Auction a success once again. More than \$10,000 (more than last year!) was raised to support our parish's ongoing ministry. We acknowledge with gratitude the following companies and groups who made donations to the market this year: *Hole in the Wall restaurant, Blairpen House Country Inn, Brasa Peruvian Kitchen, Canadian Stage – The Wizard of Oz, Mario's Place (barbershop), Lucy's Nails, Pacific Hair Studio, Olenza Beauty Loft, New Orleans Seafood and Steakhouse, Tarragon Theatre, The Crooked Cue, Vibo restaurant.*

Blessing Box

Please remember those in our community who may be in need. The Box takes non-perishable food, as well as common personal and household items. In addition, in cold weather we need items of clothing to keep people warm – hats mitts, gloves, heavy socks, scarves, sweaters and hoodies. 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. We especially need children's books as these are very popular. Our local neighbors frequently put items in the Box, but this is not sufficient to satisfy the need in the community. We sincerely appreciate your contributions.

Rector Away

Father Hatt will be away from the parish from Thursday, January 2 to Saturday, January 4. In the event of a pastoral need, please reach out to Father PJ Carefoote (pjcarefoote@bell.net) at St. Olave's Church. He can also be reached through Jay Haddad, our Rector's Warden at 416-436-5072.

Office Administrator Update

Our office administrator, Andrea, is stepping down at the end of December. We thank her for her many contributions to the parish over the past three years while she was in this position. In January

we will hold a gathering to formally thank her. The job posting is now available on the St Martin's website. Please spread word and speak with Father Hatt or the wardens if you have questions about the position.

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This Week at St Martin's

Sunday, December 29

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

Tuesday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)

10 a.m. Eucharist (in the Chapel)

Thursday, January 2nd

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)

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The Christmas flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of

George & Dorothy Luxton
Tony Faria
Grace Briggs
Marven & Isa Reid
Perley & Mona Hambrook
Catherine Nesbitt
Eleanor Finlayson
Pllumb Kananaj
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Valerie Hadden
Rebecca Jackson
June McGoey
Doug Ward
Mary Jane Urquhart

Jaime & Herminia Faria
Robert Faria
Rui Ganhadeiro
Victor & Frances Nahabedian
Donald Hattey
Bud & Shirley Laking
Rrapo Kananaj
Anthony Attwood
Federico and Isabel Losaria
Abelardo Losaria
Jessie and Mary Hunt
Thomas and Kathleen Barwick
Alex Gibson
Charles Dray
Al Offstein
Andrew Leonard
John Batton
Dave Whyte
Greg Coleman
Rick Mlynarczyk
Bev Jahnke
Arlene Davis
Maria Flores
Antonio Gandia
Elsinor & Bill De Roche
Joe Paxton & loved ones
Roy & Agnes Johnson
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The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian*Honorary Assistant*
The Rev'd Canon David Luxton*Honorary Assistant*

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

Feast days and special services as announced.