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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant and Preacher: Father 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 are found in the blue *Book of Common Praise*. Please note that the hymns are omitted during the 8:30 a.m. service.

Our Church School (for youth up to the age of 12) gathers downstairs in the Hall prior to the start of worship. They return to the church during the Offertory Hymn, in time for Communion. New children are always welcome. Youth Group, ages 13-18, meets after church on the first and third Sundays of every month.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Reader 2: "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going." (Hebrews 11:8).

We light this first Advent candle to remind us of Abraham and Sarah and all our ancestors in faith, who followed the call of God in search of the Promised Land.

The first candle is lit.

Reader 1: Let us pray. Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts this Christmas; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Great Litany

Priest God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

People Have mercy on us.

Priest God the Son, redeemer of the world,

People Have mercy on us.

Priest God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

People Have mercy on us.

Priest Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

People Spare us, good Lord.

Priest From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy, from envy, hatred and malice, and from all want of charity,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Priest From all deadly sin, and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Priest From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood, from civil strife and violence, from war and murder, and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Priest By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation, and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Priest By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion, by your precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of your Holy Spirit,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Priest In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgement,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Priest Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Grant wisdom and justice to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry, remembering especially this week in our Parish Prayer Cycle.....

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water, and show your pity on all prisoners and captives,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all young children, and comfort the aged and lonely,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Heal those who are sick in body or mind especially, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them,

People Hear us, good Lord.

Priest Son of God, we ask you to hear us,

People Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

People Grant us your peace.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

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1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. **Let none who look to you be put to shame;**
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3. Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
4. **Lead me in your truth and teach me,**
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
5. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

6. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7. Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

9. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha. Alleluia. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. **Maranatha. Alleluia.**

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.**

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon Fr Nicholas Hatt

The Nicene Creed..... p. 188

On days when the Great Litany is said, the Prayers of the People are omitted.

Confession, Absolution and the Peace..... pp. 191-2



Please place your offering on the collection plate. E-transfers can be sent to cw-stmartininthefields@toronto.anglican.ca. Visit www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate or use the QR Code for more ways to give to our ongoing ministry.

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.**

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of and in thanksgiving for the lives of William & Evelyn Goddard and Richard & Flori Reininger by their children John and Susan Goddard.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3, pp. 198-200

The Lord’s Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #5 and the Communion..... pp. 211-212

Reader God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
People **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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.

Communion Hymn #96 *Conditor Alme Siderum/Dufay*

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.**

The Doxology and Blessing p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn

#108 *Merton*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

New Sunday Bulletin Format

We have introduced a new format for the Sunday bulletin which will be used for all Sunday Services and posted online for livestream users. Those who join us on livestream can access the full text of the Book of Alternative Services for free online at <https://www.anglican.ca/about/liturgicaltexts/>. If you would like the full text of the hymns while joining online, please speak with Father Hatt (email priest@stmartininthefields.ca). The parish will be happy to help get you a copy of the Common Praise hymn book.

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. Anyone who attends the 8:30 service who wants calendars, please email office@stmartininthefields.ca and we'll have them ready for you next week.

Advent Carol Service

St. Martin's annual Advent Carol Service takes place this year on Sunday, December 8th at 7:30 pm. Invite your family and friends to join our Music Director, Jack Hattey and the St. Martin's Parish Choir, together with guest instrumentalists, and organist John Tuttle, as they present a selection of Advent carols to herald the coming birth of our Saviour. A freewill offering at this service will be donated to the Toronto Urban Native Ministry (TUNM) (for more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/tunm/home>). The service will be followed by a reception to which all are invited. We greatly

appreciate – and need – donations of finger food either sweet or savory for this reception.

Christian Education during Advent

St Martin's will be joining with the rest of the Diocese for the Bishops' online Advent study - "Advent for Everyone" - taking place over Zoom on Tuesday evenings (instead of our usual Wednesdays) starting Tuesday, November 26 and continuing on December 3, 10, and 17. We will hear reflections from our Bishops, plus there will be times for discussion in break-out groups. St Martin's will have its own dedicated break-out; when you register online, please indicate "St Martin in the Fields" in the parish field, so that you will be placed in our group. For more information, and to register for each session, go to: www.toronto.anglican.ca/events/advent-for-everyone.

Advent Preachers

We are blessed in this parish to be able to hear from many different preachers from time-to-time, both clergy and lay. This Advent Season we welcome as our Sunday morning preachers:

Advent I - Sunday, December 1st

Preacher: Father Nicholas Hatt

Advent II - Sunday, December 8th

Preacher: Mother Alyson Barnett-Cowan

Advent III - Sunday, December 15

Preacher: Father Nicholas Hatt

Advent IV - Sunday, December 22

Preacher: Doctor Joe Mangina

The four Sundays of Advent are often associated with the four 'heralds' of Christ who help prepare us for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ: the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. We hope to focus some of our

attention in our preaching this Advent on those four heralds, respectively.

Boiler Fund – Name that Campaign!

In January we plan to officially launch a fundraising campaign to replenish the monies borrowed from our Memorial Fund to pay for the new church boiler. Between now and then, we need to choose a name for our campaign! We have a few great names already proposed: The Fiery Furnace, Fill the Fund, Heat our Seats, Heat it Forward, Sweet Heat, and Warm our Hearts. Please submit your ideas (and write your name on the back of your suggestion) by Sunday, December 8th on the display board located at the main church entrance. The winner will receive a mystery prize (possibly dinner at the Rectory!)

Winter Coat Drive for PARC and ROMERO HOUSE

In the spirit of St. Martin who shared his cloak with someone in need one cold night, we are looking for clean winter coats in good order for both adults and children to be donated to PARC and Romero House. Winter boots, hats and gloves are also a great need. Boxes will be available at the back of the church to receive your donations. Any questions, please contact Glen Storey or Judith Kidd.

Christmas Market and Auction

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Market and Online Auction a successful event - raising funds for St. Martin's and welcoming our community. We are grateful to those who donated items, who volunteered, who shared the event with friends and neighbours, and who shopped. We will report on results once they are compiled.

Stewardship

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday, the final Sunday of our annual Stewardship campaign. Thank you to all those parishioners who have returned their Time & Talent sheet, and 2025 financial

pledge. If you have not been able to do so as yet, there is still time. Please mail the completed Pledge form and Time and Talent sheet to the church. You can also fill out these forms on-line by going to www.stmartininthefields.ca and following the links. This information will be extremely helpful as we prepare the 2025 budget and plan for parish life in the coming year.

Community Christmas Meal

St. Martin-in-the-Fields parish will be hosting two tables at St. Olave's Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 12 pm to 2pm. for a meal for those in the community who may not have access to a Christmas meal or who may be spending the holidays alone. If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending, please make them aware of this event. There is a notice posted on the narthex bulletin board with details. If anyone is interested in helping with the event, please contact Judith Kidd.

Christmas Cheer Fund

Just a reminder that each year at this time there are envelopes available for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas Cheer fund. These givings are used for gifts for parish shut ins and for a family at Romero House. The envelopes will be at the table at the back of the church.

Healey Willan Singers Concert "*Christmas Lullabies*"

An afternoon of soothing choral music to celebrate Advent and Christmas will be presented Sunday December 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Martin's by Conductor Ron Cheung. Tickets are cash only, available at the door. \$25 for adults, \$20 for students/seniors.

Voices Chamber Choir Concert "*Joyeux Noël*"

Music of the season by Charpentier, Bruckner, Stopford, and others *plus* a Carol Sing-along will be presented Wednesday December 18 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Martin's by Director Ron Cheung.

Tickets may be ordered at voiceschamberchoir@yahoo.ca, or are available at the door. \$25 for adults, \$20 for students/seniors.

Please send announcements for the weekly bulletin to the parish office (office@stmartininthefields.ca) by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Parish Prayer Cycle

*Christian Education + Library Ministry, and parishioners
Lindsey Hobson & Glen Storey, Carol Stokreef, and Tim Stephenson*

Anglican Prayer Cycle

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

St. James Cathedral

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 Father David Canon David Aubrey*

This Week at St Martin's

Tuesday, December 2

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, December 4

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



8 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)



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Clergy

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The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian *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.