



Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent

Preacher: Dr. Joseph Mangina

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 (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.



We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry. Financial offerings can be placed on the collection plate. E-transfers can be sent to cw-stmartininthefields@toronto.anglican.ca. Use the QR Code or visit www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate for more information.



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: "The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be

great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:30-33).

We light this candle to remind us of Mary, who was willing, first of all people, to let the light of God shine through her and bring the Saviour to the world. Through her faithfulness and love, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, was born to us.

The fourth candle is lit.

Reader 3: Let us pray. O Heavenly Father, who called Mary to be the Mother of Jesus, so that the world could be saved and brought to new birth, help us to bring the peace of Christ to birth wherever there is darkness and despair, and to work for the coming of your kingdom. Amen.

Introit Hymn #95

(Venez Divin Messie)

The Gathering of the Community

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Kyrie/Trisagion

Sung by the choir

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.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the

strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80.1-7



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.

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices

and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha. Alleluia. I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. **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 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has

brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Dr. Joseph Mangina

Professor of Systematic Theology, Wycliffe College, Toronto

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Advent Litany #12, p. 119

“In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, **“Lord Jesus, come soon!”**”

Parish Prayer Cycle

The Sidespeople; Vivan Yap & Philip Savage,
Bernard Sanders, Aster Samuel

Anglican Prayer Cycle

The Church of the Province of Uganda

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

The Anglican Church Women of the Diocese

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

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

Confession, Absolution and the Peace

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Offertory Hymn #89

(*Veni Emmanuel*)

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the faithfulness of Mary the Mother of our Lord, and for our mothers who through word and example shared the faith with their children

The flowers at the chancel steps are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce Longmore on the 10th anniversary of his death by daughter Anne and wife Elizabeth, and in thanksgiving for the return of the light with the coming of the Winter solstice.

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Priest 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 #117

(*Est Ist Ein’ Ros*)

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.

The Doxology and Blessing

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Announcements

Final Hymn #362

(Woodlands)

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Christmas Services at St Martin's during the Twelve Days

Let us keep vigil with the Christchild at the Manger this Christmas.

Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

7 p.m. Children's Pageant and Sung Eucharist

10 p.m. Sung Eucharist

** please note that there will be no 10 a.m. Eucharist this day*

Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Thursday, December 26th (St Stephen's Day)

10 a.m. Said Eucharist (in the Chapel)
with meditation by Bishop Victoria Matthews

Friday, December 27th (St John the Evangelist)

10 a.m. Said Eucharist (in the Chapel)
with meditation by Fr Hatt

Saturday, December 28th (Innocents' Day)

10 a.m. Said Eucharist (in the Chapel)
with meditation by Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Sunday, December 29th (Christmas I)

8:30 a.m. Said Eucharist
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, January 5 (Feast of the Epiphany)

8:30 a.m. Said Eucharist
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

The three saints' days after Christmas will be observed in the Chapel with a quiet Said Eucharist. Brief meditations will be offered to help us understand what these three saints reveal to us about our newborn Saviour.

Parish News and Announcements

Advent Carol Service

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the success of our Advent Carol Service on December 8th. Nearly \$1,600 was raised for the Toronto Urban Native Ministry.

Caroling in the Garden

Today at 4:00pm all are invited to gather in the Garden to sing carols as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

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

As we are quickly approaching the Christmas season, please remember those in our community who may be in need. We serve these people with our Blessing Box which is continually in need of our input. 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.

Advent Tree Decorations for The Redwood Shelter

Today is your final opportunity to 'rent' an ornament and place it on our Advent Tree located in the Narthex. Funds raised will be donated to The Redwood which offers safety, healing and opportunities for growth for women and their children fleeing abuse.

Upcoming Chili-Fest

On Saturday, December 28th, the Outreach Committee, with support from Camp Bellaleo leaders, is hosting Chili-Fest in our Parish Hall from 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Camp Chef Phil Devine will serve up his chili and corn bread at 6:30 pm, and the Leaf game will be streamed at 7:00 pm. Enjoy a beer or glass of wine, along with door prizes, a bake sale, and a few auction items. Adults \$20, Children 12 and under \$15, children 6 and under free. Order tickets through _____ or buy them at the door! Proceeds will support Camp Bellaleo and St Martin's Outreach Committee projects.

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!

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This Week at St Martin's

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

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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.