



Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant: Father Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent

Preacher: Mother Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Honorary Assistant

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: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined". (Isaiah 9:2).

We light this candle to remind us of the hope of all people for a loving Saviour who will bring us freedom and peace. This hope was promised by the prophets of the Old Testament who shared

their vision of justice coming to the earth by the mighty acts of God.

The second candle is lit.

Reader 1: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. May he kindle in us the light of God's love so that we might put on the Lord Jesus Christ, even now, as we await his coming. **Amen.**

Introit Hymn

#103 Winchester New

The Gathering of the Community..... p. 185

Kyrie/Trisagion (*sung by the choir*)

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem

will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set thẽm fr̃ee.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant Dãvid.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hãte ùs.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covẽnãnt.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enẽmies,

free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of oũr life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his wãy,

to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of thẽir sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upõn ùs,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of pẽace.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha. Alleluia. The Lord has done great things for us.

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 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high

priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon Mother Alyson Barnett-Cowan

The Nicene Creed..... p. 188

Prayers of the People Litany #12, p. 119

Parish Prayer Cycle
The Pickleball Group, and parishioners
Esme St. Bernard, Robert Snow, and Cynthia Hawkins & Vincent Shin

Anglican Prayer Cycle
Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Diocesan Prayer Cycle
Peterborough Deanery

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
Cole MaryLane

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

Offertory Hymn

#106 Ascension



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.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Don Hattey by Isabell Hattey.

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.**

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

#100 Psalm 42

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 Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology and Blessing p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn

#109 *Tempus Adest Floridum*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

St. Martin's 2025 Calendars

Our annual calendars are now for sale and filled with beautiful pictures from around the parish and garden, and the schedule of feasts of the church year. 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 evening 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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to parishioner Philip Conliffe who has been awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. The purpose of the Order is "to recognize and honour those members of the laity in the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry." The Order will be awarded at a ceremony at St James' Cathedral in January.

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 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.

Advent Tree Decorations for The Redwood Shelter

Just a reminder that over the next few Sundays you have the opportunity of 'renting' an ornament and placing it on our Advent Tree located in the Narthex before or after the services on Sunday, Dec. 8th, 15th and 22nd. The funds raised will be donated to The Redwood. The Redwood offers safety, healing and opportunities for growth for women and their children fleeing abuse. Thanks very much for supporting this organization.

Christmas Flowers

Memorial donations for altar flowers at Christmas can be made using the designated envelopes located on the table at the back of the church. Please email the names of loved ones you would like remembered in the bulletin to office@stmartininthefields.ca

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

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 & 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.

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.

This Week at St Martin's

Sunday, December 8

8:30 p.m. Advent Carol Service

Monday, December 9

7:30 p.m. Parish Council (Guild Room)

Tuesday, December 10

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, December 12

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

8 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)

Clergy

The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt *Incumbent*
priest@stmartininthefields.ca
The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan..... *Honorary Assistant*
The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian *Honorary Assistant*
The Rev'd Canon David Luxton *Honorary Assistant*

Parish Officers and Staff

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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.