



## Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields

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## The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

February 2, 2025

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 (for youth up to age 12) attend worship until after the reading of Gospel lesson for the day after which they head downstairs for their lessons, returning to the church during the Offertory Hymn, in time for the Communion. New children are always welcome.



Financial offerings can be placed on the collection plate.

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We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry.



## Blessing of the Candles and Procession

*Priest* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Priest* Let us pray. (Prayer for the Blessing of the Candles)

## Nunc Dimittis

(*Stanford in C*)

*During the singing of the canticle the candles of the congregation are lit.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please follow the sanctuary party and join in the procession around the nave of the church.*

**Processional Hymn #320**

*(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

*Refrain:* Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord: *Refrain*

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
forebears in faith and prophets blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song: *Refrain*

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One: *Refrain*

*Priest* We have waited in silence  
on your loving kindness, O Lord;  
*People* **In the midst of your temple.**  
*Priest* Let us pray. (The Station Collect follows)

## Entry Hymn

(St Fulbert)

O Zion, open wide thy gates, old types now disappear;  
a Priest and Victim, both in one the Truth himself, is here.

No more the simple flock shall bleed; behold the Father's Son  
himself to his own altar comes, for sinners to atone.

Conscious of hidden Deity, the lowly Virgin brings  
her new-born Babe, with two young doves, her tender offerings.

The aged Simeon sees at last his Lord so long desired,  
and Anna welcomes Israel's Hope with holy rapture fired.

But silent knelt the Mother blest of yet the silent Word  
and, pondering all things in her heart, with speechless praise  
adored.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

*Please extinguish your candles after the hymn concludes.*

## Glory to God

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## The Collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your  
salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is  
the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **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



Psalm 84:1-7

- 1    How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
     My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
                                 the Lord;  
     my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2    The sparrow has found her a house  
     and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
                         by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
                         my King and my God.
- 3    Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
                         they will always be praising you.
- 4    Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
                         whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5    Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
                         it a place of springs, \*  
                         for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6    They will climb from height to height, \*  
                         and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7    Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
                         hearken, O God of Jacob.

## The Epistle

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The candles of the congregation are lit for the reading of the Gospel*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** *This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.* **Alleluia, Alleluia 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 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Please extinguish your candle after the reading of the Gospel.*

**Sermon**

*Father Nicholas Hatt*

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Parish Prayer Cycle*

The Coffee Cohorts & Hospitality Group; Anne Muravsky;  
Peter & Kate Muller; Mary Mueller; Joan Miles

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and  
Polynesia

*Diocesan Prayer Cycle*

Bishop's Committee on Interfaith Ministry

*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 Bob Fr  
David Canon David Aubrey Erma Cole MaryLane  
Bernard Diane Allan Aws Selwa Lubna Elin Brian  
Dave Sylvia John

*The Faithful Departed*

Bill Christopher Oleschuk Douglas Crowe

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

## Confession, Absolution and the Peace

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## Offertory Hymn #132

(*Divinum Mysterium*)

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the life of Rollie Wagg by his grateful wife,*

## Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3, pp. 198-200

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

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*Priest* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*People* **We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread**

*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 #622

(*Wie Schön Leuchtet*)

## Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Doxology and Blessing

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## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #362**

*(Woodlands)*

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*                 **Thanks be to God.**

## **Parish News and Announcements**

### **Heat it Forward! Boiler Campaign Pub Lunch Launch**

Last Sunday we launched our Heat it Forward! campaign with a pub lunch fundraiser and raised approximately \$1,200 at this event! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in the kitchen to make the lunch possible.

### **Annual Vestry Meeting**

Mark your calendar for our Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 11 a.m. service.

### **Annual Vestry List**

Please check the Vestry List posted on the bulletin boards which has been compiled by the Parochial Tribunal of the names of those able to vote at our annual Vestry meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If there is an error or omission, please speak to Patty McKnight

Tim Stephenson  
or Fr. Hatt

([priest@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:priest@stmartininthefields.ca)).

### **Nominations for Vestry**

A Nominations Committee has been formed by Parish Council and Management Board to bring forward a slate of candidates to the meeting. If you are interested in finding out about various positions in the parish, please speak to wardens Nadine Barmania or Jay Haddad.

### **Tax Receipts for 2024**

The Canada Revenue Agency has extended the deadline for making charitable donations for the 2024 tax year to February 28, 2025. The parish will issue tax receipts for the 12-month period ending Dec. 31, 2024, in February as usual. A second receipt for donations received in January and February, 2025, will be issued in early

March which donors can choose to apply towards their 2024 or a subsequent tax return.

### **Information Sessions about the Social Justice Vestry Motion**

The Outreach Committee with the support of the Christian Education Committee will be holding three different Wednesday night sessions via Zoom and the Zoom link will be sent out the day of each session. The information sessions will address the diocesan social justice vestry motion "Protecting and Expanding Harm Reduction in Ontario". The sessions will be from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. and as usual will close with a compline service.

February 5th members of the Outreach who have done considerable research concerning the topic will be available for a general question and answer session along with general information concerning the topic.

February 12th, we will have a health care worker and the head of PARC's Harm Reduction Program speak about PARC's program.

February 19th, Elin Goulden, the Diocesan Social Justice and Advocacy Consultant (and St. Martin's parishioner) will speak to the motion and also to the importance of having a diocesan wide response

### **Prayer List**

The prayer list in the Sunday bulletin will be refreshed for Sunday, February 16th. This means that if you have names of loved ones to have included on the prayer list, please send them to Father Hatt (priest@stmartininthefields.ca) by Wednesday, February 12th to have them included in that Sunday's bulletin.

## **From the Parish Outreach Committee**

As you may recall, last fall the Ontario government announced that they would be sending rebate cheques of \$200 to all provincial taxpayers regardless of their income level. Apparently, those cheques are coming very soon. These funds will, indeed, make a difference to some, albeit very temporary, but some believe that the \$3 billion could be used in other ways that would more effectively benefit all on a more long term basis. For example, putting those funds towards improving health care, mitigating the housing crisis or towards public transportation.

At a time when world events are making many people feel anxious and confused, when it feels like we cannot make a difference in our world, we can often find new hope, energy and opportunities to, indeed, make that difference by donating our time, our energy and/or our resources to individuals and organizations in need. In the past few weeks, we have heard from many friends and members of our community that if the \$200 is a discretionary resource, they will make a donation to someone in need or a community partner or charity special to them.

We encourage you to make the choice that is best for you - for many, making the decision about the \$200 will be easy, it will go for food and home expenses. For those fortunate with no immediate needs, we encourage you to make a thoughtful choice – for you and the community.

## **Prayer Reflections**

Over the last few months the Youth Group has been learning about prayer. Finn is now inviting the congregation to take some time to reflect on your prayer lives, and if you feel so called, write a short reflection on your prayer life or experiences with prayer. Finn will share these reflections with the Youth Group to help them learn

about how different people experience prayer. Please send any reflections to Finn at [childyouthministry@smartininthefields.ca](mailto:childyouthministry@smartininthefields.ca).

*Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the parish office by Wednesday at 10 a.m.*

**What's happening in our church school this week?**

This week the church school children are continuing to learn about the beginning of Jesus' ministry through today's gospel story. Before returning to the service for the Eucharist the church school closes their time together in prayer, at the same time that the prayers of the people are happening in the service.

**What's happening in our youth group?**

This week after church the youth group will gather for lunch and conversation. They will hear a reflection from one of our fellow parishioners about their experiences with prayer throughout their life and what their prayer life is like today. If you would like to share a reflection on your prayer life and experiences with prayer please send them to Finn and they will share it with the youth at a future youth group meeting.

If you would like to know more about our church school and youth group please talk to Finn Keesmaat-Walsh following the service or send them an email at [childyouthministry@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:childyouthministry@stmartininthefields.ca)

## **This Week at St Martin's**

*Sunday, February 2*

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

12:30 p.m. Youth Group (Guild Room)

*Monday, February 3*

4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Romero House After School Program (Hall)

7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee (Guild Room)

*Tuesday, February 4*

10 a.m. Eucharist (Chapel)

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Beavers (Hall)

*Wednesday, February 5*

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cubs (Hall)

*Thursday, February 6*

Pickleball (Hall):

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)

*Friday, February 7*

7:30 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

*Saturday, February 8*

10:15 to 12:30 p.m. Healey Willan Singers (Church)

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## Clergy

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| The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt              | <i>Incumbent</i><br><a href="mailto:priest@stmartininthefields.ca">priest@stmartininthefields.ca</a> |
| The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan | <i>Honorary Assistant</i>  |
| The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian    | <i>Honorary Assistant</i>  |
| The Rev'd Canon David Luxton         | <i>Honorary Assistant</i>  |

## Parish Officers and Staff

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| Jay Haddad                    | <i>Rector's Warden</i>   |
| Nadine Barmania               | <i>People's Warden</i>   |
| Jack Hattey                   | <i>Music Director</i><br><a href="mailto:jhattey@stmartininthefields.ca">jhattey@stmartininthefields.ca</a>  |
| Finn Keesmaat-Walsh           | <i>Children and Youth Pastoral Associate</i><br><a href="mailto:childyouthministry@stmartininthefields.ca">childyouthministry@stmartininthefields.ca</a> |
| Finn Keesmaat-Walsh (interim) | <i>Parish Office Administrator</i><br><a href="mailto:office@stmartininthefields.ca">office@stmartininthefields.ca</a>                                   |
| Bernard Sanders               | <i>Sexton</i>  |

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## Weekly Worship Schedule

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| <i>Sundays</i>  | 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)<br>11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral) |
| <i>Tuesdays</i> | 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)                                      |

*Feast days and special services as announced.*