



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

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**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 26, 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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[www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate](http://www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate) for more information.

We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry.



**Introit Hymn #484**

*(McKee)*

**The Gathering of the Community**

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**Glory to God**

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**The Collect**

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

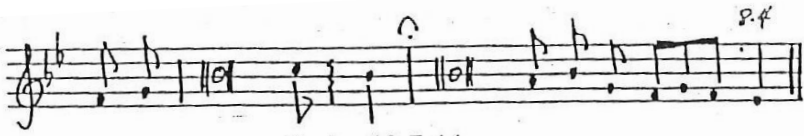
## Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Reader*                    The word of the Lord.

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



Psalm 19:7-14

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold;  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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**The Epistle**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--

Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work power deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** *The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.* **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 4:14-21*

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

*Father Nicholas Hatt*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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*Parish Prayer Cycle*

The Readers; Okechi Okojie, Lisa, Ted, & Jania; Eddie Norfolk;  
Caroline Newton; Fr. Harold & Janet Nahabedian

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

*Diocesan Prayer Cycle*

The Cast the Net strategic vision for the Diocese of Toronto

*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 Aws  
Selwa Lubna Elin Brian Dave Christopher

*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 #159**

(*Stella Orientis*)

*The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God  
in thanksgiving by David and Mag for 60 years of marriage.*

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #2  
and the Communion**      pp. 211-212

*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 #658**      (*Sheldonian*)

### **Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**The Doxology and Blessing**      p. 214

### **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #398**      (*Monkland*)

### **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 – TODAY!**

This morning, we will launch our Heat it Forward! campaign with a pub lunch fundraiser served in the church hall immediately following the 11 a.m. service. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$20 and your meal ticket includes a glass of wine, or beer. The funds raised during this campaign will go toward replenishing money borrowed from the parish Memorial Fund (\$360,000) to pay for our new boiler.

### **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).

### **Annual Vestry Reports – DUE TODAY**

The chairs of the various parish committees and groups must submit their Vestry reports to the Parish Office by Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please send reports to office@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.



## **Christian Education Series – Mark your calendar!**

Our next Christian Education sessions will take place on February 5th, 12th, and 19th at 8 p.m. via Zoom. We will hear presentations and be discussing this year's Social Justice vestry motion about Harm Reduction. More information will follow!

## **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.

## **Parish Office Staffing Update**

We are in the process of hiring a new office administrator. During the interim, our children and youth pastoral associate, Finn Keesmaat-Walsh is assisting with administrative work in the office. You can reach Finn for administrative business by email at [office@stmartintheields.ca](mailto:office@stmartintheields.ca) or in the office on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **St. Martin's 2025 Calendars**

Our annual calendars are still 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.

## **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.

## **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@stmartinintheields.ca](mailto:childyouthministry@stmartinintheields.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's ministry through the story Jesus teaching in Nazareth. 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?**

Last week the youth group gathered after church for lunch and conversation. They heard 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 at [childyouthministry@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:childyouthministry@stmartininthefields.ca) and they will share it with the youth at a future youth group meeting.

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

*Sunday, January 26*

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)  
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)  
2:300 to 5 p.m. Ukrainian  
Creative Inclusion Group (Hall)

*Monday, January 27*

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

*Tuesday, January 28*

10 a.m. Eucharist (Chapel)  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Beavers (Hall)

*Wednesday, January 29*

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

*Thursday, January 30*

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, January 31*

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

*Saturday, February 1*

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

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## Clergy

The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt	<i>Incumbent</i> <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

Jay Haddad	<i>Rector's Warden</i>
Nadine Barmania	<i>People's Warden</i>
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## Weekly Worship Schedule

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

*Feast days and special services as announced.*