



Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields

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Seventh Sunday After Epiphany February 23, 2025

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant: *The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent*

Preacher: *The Rt. Rev'd Victoria Matthews, 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 (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 for more information.

We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry.



Introit Hymn #546

(London New)

The Gathering of the Community

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Glory to God

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The Collect

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

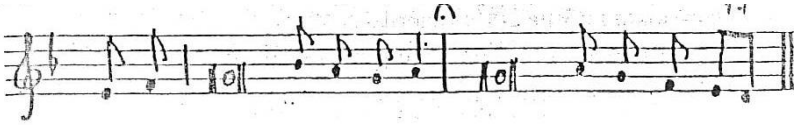
Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**



Psalm 37:1-7

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the

man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.* **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 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is

merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rt. Rev'd Victoria Matthews

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Litany #2, p. 112

Parish Prayer Cycle

The Annual Vestry Meeting; Esther & Richard Marks; Linda Markowsky; Kathy Mansfield; Kathleen Manneke

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

Black Anglicans of Canada

Those who have asked us for prayers

Bob Thornley, David Bradshaw, Edith Paxton, Erma MacDonald, Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Mark, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Sylvia, Fr Harold, Bishop Victoria, Canon Alyson, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft, Margaret, Raymond, Marian, Aubrey, Father David Mulholland, John, River, Gerald Mangina, Leah, Ted, Phil Renouf, Ted R, Huntly Duff

The Faithful Departed

Robert Eacho

*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 #372

(*Gerontius*)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Andrea Zinn from the congregation of St Martin's.

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3, pp. 198-200

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #2
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 #513

(*Guide My Feet*)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology and Blessing

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Announcements

Closing Hymn: #565

(Cwm Rhondda)

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday March 4th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 12 and under, \$10 for all you can eat.

Let us join together as a parish family one final time before our Lenten disciplines begin!

Upcoming Services for Ash Wednesday, March 5th

10 a.m. Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 p.m. Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

In need of old Palm Crosses!

If you have Palm Crosses at home, please bring them to church on the next two Sundays and give them to Finn. Our youth will be burning them after church on Sunday, March 2nd to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Annual Vestry Meeting – TODAY

Our annual Vestry Meeting takes place after the 11 a.m. service today. This is an important opportunity to gather as a parish to give thanks for God's faithfulness to us over the past year and to discern the ways in which we are being called to proclaim the Good News in the year ahead. All members of the parish are welcome to attend. There will be children's activities available during the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Steps to Safety

The Health Safety and Security Committee is pleased to host a free "Steps to Safety" presentation by Toronto Fire Services on March 2, 2025 after coffee hour in the Guild Room. A light lunch will be served. The seminar on safety in the home is primarily for older adults. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Alongside Hope Corner (formerly PWRDF)

This Lent, Alongside Hope invites us to explore the intersections of faith and international development. Weaving scripture, reflection and prayer together with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Anglican Marks of Mission, the Rev. Jonathan Rowe of the Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador presents a rich tapestry. Titled “Living into God’s Dream” the resource also offers the reader the opportunity to reflect on questions both personal and corporate and to learn more about Alongside Hope’s partners.

Subscribe to receive a daily message in your inbox, including a Bible reading, a reflection and a prayer. On Saturdays during Lent, you will receive an Alongside Hope story that relates to the theme of the week to come. Your introductory email will arrive March 4, the before Ash Wednesday. Email info@alongsidehope.org to register.

Romero House’s annual Howcroft Lecture

Mark your calendars. St. Martin’s will be hosting Romero House’s annual Howcroft Lecture on Monday, March 3rd. Doors will open at 6pm, a light soup dinner will be available at 6:30pm and the lecture will begin at 7pm. The speaker this year will be Dr. James Orbinski, a distinguished physician, humanitarian, and former president of the International Council of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). Dr. Orbinski has dedicated his life to global health, human rights, and responding to humanitarian crises. His lecture will be: “Dignity in Crisis: The Complexity of the Refugee Experience”.

To register to attend in person visit: <https://bit.ly/414Fhj9>

To join the lecture via zoom visit: <https://bit.ly/41mLsQW>

*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 the church school children are learning about what it means to love your enemy. 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.

Church School & Youth Prayers

The prayer requests shared by the children and youth on Sundays are included in the Prayers of the People at the Tuesday Eucharist every week.

This Week at St Martin's

Sunday, February 23

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Annual Vestry Meeting (Hall)

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

10 a.m. Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, February 26

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

Thursday, February 27

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 28

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

Saturday, February 29

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

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The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian	<i>Honorary Assistant</i>
The Rev'd Canon David Luxton	<i>Honorary Assistant</i>

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Bernard Sanders	<i>Sexton</i>

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.