



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

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### Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

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

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rt. Rev'd Victoria Matthews*

**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 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.

E-transfers can be sent to [cw-stmartininthefields](mailto:cw-stmartininthefields@toronto.anglican.ca)

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We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry.



**Introit Hymn #498**

*(Brother James' Air)*

**The Gathering of the Community**

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**Kyrie/Trisagion**

*Sung by the choir*

**The Collect**

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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



Psalm 63.1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

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## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory.** *Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory.**

## 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 13:1-9*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*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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*Parish Prayer Cycle*

Servers Guild; Ella and Quinn Kennedy; Finn Keesmaat-Walsh; Bill Keel; Robert Kananaj & Roberta Laking-Kananaj

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

*Diocesan Prayer Cycle*

Atonement, Alderwood

*Those who have asked us for prayers*

Bob Thornley, David Bradshaw, Edith Paxton,  
Erma MacDonald, Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Mark, Aws, Selwa,  
Lubna, Sylvia, Father 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 Rev'd David Howells, Catherine, Lindsey,  
Dennis Freeman, Annie Muravsky

*The Faithful Departed*

Janet Webster

*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 #388**

(Austria)

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**      (*Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3*)

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*      It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

*All*      **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*      We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night

he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

*All*                    **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*        Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #7  
and the Communion**

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*Priest* We break this bread,  
*People* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**  
*Priest* Let your Church be the wheat which bears  
its fruit in dying.  
*People* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if  
we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

*The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes all Christians who have been baptized 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** *Domine Deus, Filius Patris, miserere nobis*  
(Taizé)

**Prayer after Communion** p. 214

**The Blessing**

**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**

### **Christian Education this Lent: The Book of Acts**

For our Lenten Christian Education series, we will be reading through the Book of Acts, led by Father Hatt and a few St. Martin's parishioners. The Book of Acts tells the story of Jesus' followers in the weeks and first few years after his Ascension into heaven. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, and living in a diverse, multicultural world, they sought ways to witness to the Good News they had encountered in him. We undertake this study to consider how we might strengthen and deepen our witness as a parish to the Good News of Jesus Christ in our own time and place.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. online via Zoom. On Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will continue our reading through Acts 13:1-16:5, with a focus on Acts 15:1-35, the Witness to the Gentiles. Contact the parish office to be put on the email list to receive the link to the Zoom session.

### **Rector Away**

Father Hatt is away on spiritual retreat until Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Bishop Victoria Matthews who will be leading services and on-call for any pastoral emergencies during this time. You can reach her at [office@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:office@stmartininthefields.ca) or 416-767-7491. Please keep Fr Hatt in your prayers, that his retreat might be a time of spiritual renewal for him.

### **Faithworks Campaign 2025**

The theme this year is "We are witness to all that he did" (Acts 10:39). On Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> (Lent 4), we will welcome as our guest preacher The Rev'd Leigh Kern who is the Right Relations Coordinator with the Diocese of Toronto. Rev. Kern will be preaching at both 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Following the 11:00 a.m. service we will hold a "Pub Lunch". After the main course, there will be an Introduction to FaithWorks, a

Panel Discussion about some FaithWorks ministries, and a Volunteer Table where you can learn about the various volunteering opportunities available at the organizations we support.

Individual FaithWorks packages are now available at the rear of the church. Please be as generous as you can and remember that our parish receives 15% of all donations from our congregation. This money is used to give financial support to Romero House, Bloor West Food Bank, PARC, Feed it Forward, and the Redwood Shelter, among others.

### **Articles for The Lychgate Newsletter to be published April 6**

The deadline for submissions for the Spring issue of The Lychgate is today. Please send submissions to Ian Greene at [office@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:office@stmartininthefields.ca)

### **Easter Memorial Flowers**

Memorial donations for altar flowers at Easter can be made using the designated envelopes located on the table at the back of the church or via e-transfer. Please email the names of loved ones you would like remembered in the bulletin to [office@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:office@stmartininthefields.ca)

### **Blessing Box in Need of Donations**

From St. Martin's Missional Team: In this time of Lent, we are encouraged to remember those in our community who are less fortunate and have needs that we can help alleviate. 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.

At the same time, please also remember the Library and Kids Library sections. We especially need children's books as these are very popular. Our local neighbours do frequently put items in the Box, but this is not sufficient to satisfy the need in the community. We sincerely appreciate those parishioners who regularly contribute to the Blessing Box either directly or via our internal bin. Thank you for your contributions!

### **Kid's Clothing Swap**

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. we will be hosting a Kids' Clothing Swap in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to donate clothing (sizes newborn to 5T and kids sizes 4 to 18), kids' shoes, outerwear, toys or baby gear, you can drop off your clean, gently used kids' clothing at 260 Glenlake Ave. between March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>. Clothes will be sorted by size and set up in the parish hall. Invite your family and friends and join us on April 5<sup>th</sup> to pick out new-to-you items.

There is no cost to participate, but if you haven't donated clothing to the swap, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Blessing Box.

For more information, talk to Finn or contact [office@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:office@stmartininthefields.ca)

### **Lift Up Your Hearts Diocesan Worship Service**

As part of the Diocesan Season of Spiritual Renewal, Anglicans from across the diocese are gathering together at five distinct Eucharistic services over the course of the year. Each service will include wonderful music, inspirational preaching, a joyful lay witness talk, and the opportunity for prayer and anointing, followed by a reception that will offer delicious food and plenty of time to reconnect with friends from other parishes.

The next gathering will on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. We continue our Lenten journey at Trinity Church, Streetsville, where

we'll turn to God with humble hearts to embrace our calling as God's people. The Rev. Canon Stephanie Douglas will preach.

### **Have Your Say! Participate in Diocesan-Wide Planning Feasibility Study**

Twenty Calls to Action emerged from Cast the Net, a visioning process that heard from more than a thousand clergy and lay leaders. Responding to these calls will look different in every parish, and will require resources and financial supports.

Together, we are embarking on a diocesan-wide Planning Feasibility Study to prayerfully discern our collective readiness for a potential fundraising campaign that will serve and strengthen our parish and our broader diocesan community. Whether you are a member of clergy, laity, church leadership, or taking your first steps in your walk with Christ, you are invited to give candid feedback on a Preliminary Case for Support that puts parishes first by reflecting our unique needs and shared aspirations.

Learn more and have your say by joining an open forum:  
[www.toronto.anglican.ca/about-us/cast-the-net/diocesan-wide-planning-feasibility-study](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/about-us/cast-the-net/diocesan-wide-planning-feasibility-study)

*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 will be learning about 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.

### **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, March 23*

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

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

2:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ukrainian Creative Inclusion Group (Hall)

*Monday, March 24*

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

*Tuesday, March 25*

10:00 a.m. Eucharist (Chapel)

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

*Wednesday, March 26*

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

8 p.m. Christian Education (online)

*Thursday, March 27*

Pickleball (Parish 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, March 28*

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

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## Clergy

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The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan	<i>Honorary Assistant</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.*