



Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

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

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

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

Guest Preacher: *The Rev'd Leigh Kern,*

Right Relations Coordinator, Diocese of Toronto

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)

@toronto.anglican.ca. Use the QR Code or visit

www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate for more information.

We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry.



Introit Hymn #609

(Restoration)

The Gathering of the Community

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Kyrie/Trisagion

Sung by the choir

The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven

to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

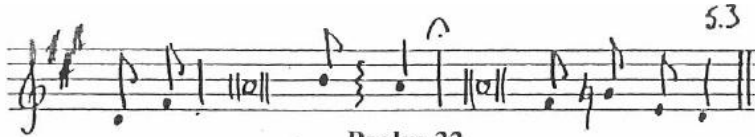
Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,*
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,*
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,*
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory. *I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal 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 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been

working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev'd Leigh Kern

The Nicene Creed

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Parish Prayer Cycle

The Stewardship Team; Tambu Kamukosi; Estella & Maxine
Joseph; Marlene Johnson; Sheila Jennison

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario (Metropolitan:
Archbishop Anne Germond)

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

*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 #606

(*Gott Will's Machen*)

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ 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 #534

(Tokyo)

Prayer after Communion

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

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Announcements

Closing Hymn #596

(Sancte Civitas)

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher today is the Rev'd Leigh Kern who is the Right Relations Coordinator with the Diocese of Toronto. They help to support individual Anglicans, parishes and the Diocese as a whole to make Indigenous justice part of our worship, life and witness. This includes working with Toronto Urban Native Ministry, which we supported financially through the offering taken at our Advent Lessons and Carols service last December. Welcome to the Rev'd Leigh!

TODAY- FaithWorks Campaign 2025

Faithworks is a program of our Diocese which supports various outreach ministries in many parishes. The theme this year is "We are witness to all that he did" (Acts 10:39). Following the 11:00 a.m. service today, we will hold a "Pub Lunch" fundraiser downstairs in the church hall. All are welcome. 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. Donations to FaithWorks can be made to the collection box or online <https://stmartininthefields.ca/donate/> Please specify "FaithWorks" in the donation message.

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

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, April 2nd, we will continue our reading through Acts 16:6-19:20, with a focus on Acts 17:16-34, the Witness of the Unknown God. Contact office@stmartininthefields.ca to be put on the email list to receive the link to the Zoom session.

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 Children's 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!

Children's Clothing Swap

This Saturday, April 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. we will be hosting a Children's Clothing Swap in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to donate clothing (sizes newborn to 5T and children's sizes 4 to 18), shoes, outerwear, toys or baby gear, you can drop off your clean, gently used items at 260 Glenlake Ave. between March 29th and April 4th. Clothes will be sorted by size and set up in the Parish Hall. Invite your family and friends and join us on April 5th 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 email childyouthministry@stmartininthefields.ca

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

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

Finn away this Sunday

Our children and youth pastoral associate, Finn Keesmaat-Walsh, is away on retreat this weekend with other youth workers in the Diocese. They will return to the office on Tuesday, April 1st.

While Finn is away, church school is still running, led by Ian Greene and Rebecca Eacho.

What's happening in our Church School?

This week, the church school children will be talking about the story of the Prodigal Son. 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 30

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

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

12:30 p.m. FaithWorks Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, April 2

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

8:00 p.m. Christian Education (online)

Thursday, April 3

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, April 4

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

Saturday, April 5

10:00 to 12:30 p.m. Children's Clothing Swap (Parish Hall)

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The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt	<i>Incumbent</i> priest@stmartininthefields.ca
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The Rev'd Canon David Luxton	<i>Honorary Assistant</i>
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The Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian	<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.