

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

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# **Rogation Sunday of Easter**

May 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said) 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral) Celebrant: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, 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 the reading of the Gospel lesson for the day after which they head downstairs for their lessons, returning to the church during the Offertory Hymn, in time for Communion. New children are always welcome.



Financial offerings can be placed on the collection plate. E-transfers can be sent to <u>cw-stmartininthefields</u> <u>@toronto.anglican.ca</u>. Use the QR Code or visit <u>www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate</u> for more information. We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry.

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# Introit Hymn #216

(St. Fulbert)

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# The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People	<b>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia</b> !
Celebrant	May his grace and peace be with you.
People	<b>May he fill our hearts with joy.</b>

### **Collect for Purity**

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### Glory to God

# The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# **First Reading**

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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



- <u>May</u> God by merciful to us and b<u>les</u>s us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- Let your ways be known upon <u>ear</u>th, \* your saving health am<u>ong</u> all nations.
- 3. Let the peoples praise you, O G<u>od</u>; \* let all the p<u>eo</u>ples praise you.
- Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the <u>nations upon earth.</u>
- 5. Let the peoples praise you, O G<u>od;</u> \* let all the p<u>eop</u>les praise you.
- The earth has brought forth her <u>in</u>crease; \* may God, our own God, give <u>us</u> his blessing.
- May God give us his b<u>les</u>sing, \* and may all the ends of the earth st<u>and</u> in awe of him.

### The Lesson

### Revelation 21.10:22-22.5

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

# **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia.** If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. **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 John.
People	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my *4*  words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

John 14:23-29

People	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Deacon	The Gospel of Christ.

#### Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Parish Prayer Cycle The Garden Group; Mariyam Feleke; Lisa & Lawrence Eta; Rebecca, Doug, & Arthur Eacho; Jocelyn Dunlop

> Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church of Kenya

Diocesan Prayer Cycle Bishop Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop

Those who have asked us for prayers Bob Thornley, David Bradshaw, Edith Paxton, Erma MacDonald, Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Mark, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Father Harold, Bishop Victoria, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft, Margaret Carlisle, Raymond Dunning, Marian MacDonald, Father David Mulholland, John Martin, River, Leanna, Gerald Mangina, Leah, Ted, Phil Renouf, Ted R, Huntly Duff, The Rev'd David Howells, Catharine McKnight, Barb, Dennis Freeman, Annie Muravsky, Carl Seeley, Festim Kananaj, Angus, Janet, Judie, Jane Rozdzilski, Hazel Bentley

*The Faithful Departed* Elizabeth Longmore

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 Hearts to Heaven

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the Cross a victim For the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Now is risen from the dead.

 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits Of the holy harvest field,
 Which will all its full abundance At his second coming yield;
 Then the golden ears of harvest
 Will their heads before him wave,
 Ripened by his glorious sunshine,
 From the furrows of the grave.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace, Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory From the brightness of thy face; That we, with our hearts in heaven, Here on earth may fruitful be, And by angel-hands be gathered, And be ever, Lord, with thee.

4. Alleluia! Alleluia!Glory be to God on high;Alleluia to the Saviour,Who has gained the victory;Alleluia to the Spirit,Fount of love and sanctity;Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

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(Wurzburg)

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Shirley Laking, and in celebration of the birthdays of Lulë and Robert Kananaj by Roberta Laking Kananaj.

# Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen**.

The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer #3, pp. 198-200
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# The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #8 and the Communion

PriestLord, we died with you on the cross.PeopleNow we are raised to new life.PriestWe were buried in your tomb.PeopleNow we share in your resurrection.PriestLive in us, that we may live in you.

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 #619**

(Crusaders' Hymn)

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# **Prayer after Communion**

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.** 

# The Doxology & Blessing

### Announcements

### Closing Hymn #429

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
   Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

# The Dismissal

DeaconGo in the peace of Christ, Alleluia!AllThanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Immediately following the service, please head outside for the blessing of the parish garden.* 

# Parish News and Announcements

# Today: Pie Sale for Heat it Forward

Today is Pie Day! Today at coffee hour enjoy a slice of homemade pie for \$5. Proceeds will go towards Heat it Forward, our fund-raising campaign to replenish money used to completely renovate the church's heating system. Thank you to Shelagh, Wolf, Kathie and Lynn who made and donated the pies today.

### **Funeral for Elizabeth Longmore**

The funeral for the late Elizabeth Longmore, mother of Anne, will be held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Martin's. Please keep their family in your prayers during this time.

### Geraniums Sale: Petals for Clean Water

Today is the last day that we will be selling geraniums. They are \$8 each, cash sales only. The flowers will be donated to St. Martin's garden while funds from the sale will be used to support projects in securing clean, running water in Indigenous communities. This effort invests in building trust and relationship with the people and leaders of Mishamikoweesh, one of the Dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada, and the first Indigenous Diocese consisting of native communities in Northern Ontario and Northern Manitoba.

# Art Fair May 31 & June 1

West Toronto Artists is holding their annual Art Tour May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in St. Martin's garden. The event takes place across 17 sites around the city, including St. Martin's, and features over 30 local artists. Admission to the fair is free. Come out to support art in Toronto and enjoy the beauty of our garden. For more information about this event, please visit westtorontoartists.com

# **Christian Education Resumes June 4**

Wednesday online gatherings at 8:00 p.m. resume on June 4<sup>th</sup> for a short two-week series on the thinking of the Rev. Kenneth Leech, Anglo-Catholic priest and socialist. "Subversive Orthodoxy" is his *10* 

name for the intersection of faith and justice, grounded in contemplative spirituality, sacramental worship, orthodox doctrine and social action. Short excerpts from his writings are now available at the back of the nave. You can also request a digital copy from Rebecca in the office at office@stmartininthefields.ca

The usual Christian Education Zoom link will be made available the day prior to the gathering. Please plan to join us for a terrific discussion on the first two Wednesdays in June, when we consider, "How do we see St. Martin's in this?"

### Summer Book Club

The Christian Education Committee has once again chosen two books for your reading pleasure over the summer months - one fiction, one non-fiction - to be discussed in September. The novel is *Abide With Me* by Elizabeth Strout (for discussion on September 10<sup>th</sup>), and the nonfiction work is *Encampment: Resistance, Grace and an Unhoused Community* by the Rev. Canon Maggie Helwig (for conversation on September 17th). You can borrow both books from the St Martin's parish library or the Toronto Public Library, or purchase your own copy from Mary Conliffe (\$25 per book) or from your favourite bookseller. Happy Summer! Happy Reading!

# Neighbourhood Fun Fair on June 7

Time is fast approaching for our annual Neighbourhood Fun Fair – a very popular event that St. Martin's offers to our local community free of charge. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come with your family to welcome other community members into our space. Also, we need your help to make this event a success! Contact Kathie Wagg or Glen Storey in person at Coffee Hour or by email to volunteer for part or all of this event. The Missional Team definitely needs you! Help us 'to serve as Christ's hands and feet, and heart and mind' in our community.

### Articles for The Lychgate Newsletter to be published on June 8

The deadline for submissions for the Summer issue of The Lychgate is today. Please send submissions to Ian Greene.

### Voices Chamber Choir Presents From Psalms to Songs on May 31

Voices Chamber Choir presents their 28th season finale with a concert titled *From Psalms to Songs*, a 500 years journey of sacred and secular music for choir. Music from Palestrina to Parry to Billy Joel and many more, including "Hymn to Freedom" by Oscar Peterson, and the premiere of "Be at Peace" by Canadian composer Drew Aarssen from Wallaceburg, Ontario. Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door (cash only): \$25 adults, \$20 students/seniors. Free for children 12 and under.

#### Second Annual Deanery Evensong

Anyone who lives, works or worships in the Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery of the Diocese of Toronto is invited to St. Olave's, Swansea, 360 Windermere Avenue, for a Deanery-wide Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. The Deanery includes the parishes, ministries and schools between the Humber River and University Avenue, and between Lake Ontario and Eglinton Avenue. Our guest preacher will be the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance, Dean of Toronto. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

*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 Sunday, the church school will explore the mystery of the Trinity. Before returning to the service for the Eucharist, the church school will close its time together in prayer at the same time that the Prayers of the People are happening in the service.

# **Church School Prayers**

The prayer requests the children share on Sundays are included in the Prayers of the People at the weekly Tuesday Eucharist.

### This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, May 25, Rogation Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said) 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Monday, May 26, Rogation Day 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Romero House After School Programme (Hall) 7:30 p.m. Management Board Meeting (Guild Room)

> *Tuesday, May 27, Rogation Day* 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Beavers (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, May 28, Rogation Day 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cubs (Parish Hall)

*Thursday, May 29* 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, May 30* 7:30 p.m. Naturally High Park (Parish Hall)

Saturday, May 31 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Art Fair (Garden) 2:00 p.m. Requiem for Elizabeth Longmore 8:00 p.m. Voices Chamber Choir: From Psalms to Songs (Church)

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### Clergy

The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt	Incumbent
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### Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said) 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

Feast days and special services as announced.