

Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) February 1, 2026

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.

Our Church School (for youth up to age 12) gathers upstairs prior to the service and will join in the opening procession. They will then head downstairs to the Hall for their lesson, returning to the church during the Offertory Hymn, in time for the Communion. New children are always welcome.



Blessing of the Candles and Procession

Priest Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Priest Let us pray. (*Prayer for the Blessing of the Candles*)

Nunc Dimittis (*sung by the choir*)

During the singing of the canticle the candles of the congregation are lit.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace /
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, /
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please follow the sanctuary party and join in the procession
around the nave of the church.*

Processional Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

¹ Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

² O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord: *Refrain*

³ Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
forebears in faith and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song: *Refrain*

⁴ O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One: *Refrain*

Priest We have waited in silence
on your loving kindness, O Lord;

People **In the midst of your temple.**

Priest Let us pray. (*The Station Collect follows*)

Entry Hymn: O Sion! Open Wide Thy Gate (St Fulbert)

¹O Sion, open wide thy gates, old types now disappear;
a Priest and Victim, both in one the Truth himself, is here.

²No more the simple flock shall bleed; behold the Father's Son
himself to his own altar comes, for sinners to atone.

³Conscious of hidden Deity, the lowly Virgin brings
her new-born Babe, with two young doves, her tender offerings.

⁴The aged Simeon sees at last his Lord so long desired,
and Anna welcomes Israel's Hope with holy rapture fired.

⁵But silent knelt the Mother blest of yet the silent Word
and, pondering all things in her heart, with speechless praise
adored.

⁶All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Glorify to God (*Green Book*)

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The Collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your
salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is
the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candles after the Collect.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he
is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of
his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a
refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and

purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Psalm 84:1-7

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- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
 the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
 it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.

The Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The candles of the congregation are lit for the reading of the Gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. *This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.* **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.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and

devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. *Luke 2:22-40*

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Please extinguish your candle after the reading of the Gospel.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (*Green Book*)

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Prayers of the People

Litany #13, p. 120

Parish Prayer Cycle: The Livestreaming Group; Jennipher Kerr, Ella Kennedy, Quinn Kennedy, Finn Keesmaat-Walsh, Bill Keel

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Bishop's Committee on Interfaith Ministry

Those who have asked us for prayers: : Bob Thornley, Edith Paxton, Erma MacDonald, Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Mark, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Bishop Victoria, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft, Raymond Dunning, Marian MacDonald, Father David Mulholland, John Martin, River, Leanna, Gerald Mangina, Ted, Ted R, Huntly Duff, The Rev'd David Howells, Barb, Dennis Freeman, Angus, Jane Rozdzilski, Hamish Redpath, Cari, Ron Fintelman, Miguel, Jean Conway, Bill Keel, Nelson, Margaret D., Heather, Jim Muir, Gayle Covey, Greg, Len Curtis, Kate, Caoimhe Reardon, Rosa Soares, Jane, Edie Wise, Marilyn Webster, Diane Roy, Dale Gillespie, Mary Anne Demonte-Whelan, Anne, Cindy Paget, Joan, Steve, Pearce, Josie, and all others on our hearts this day.

*Please send the names of loved ones for the prayer list to Father Hatt at
nhatt@stmartininthefields.ca*

Confession, Absolution and the Peace

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Offertory Hymn #132 (Blue Book)

(Divinum Mysterium)



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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Rollie Wagg by his grateful wife and family.

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3, p. 198-200
(see page 220 for the Proper Preface)

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #6
and the Communion** p. 211-213

Priest We break the bread of life
and that life is the light of the world.

People **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

We welcome all Christians who have been baptized 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 #622 (*Blue Book*) (*Wie Schön Leuchtet*)

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Doxology and Blessing p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn #362 (*Blue Book*) (*Woodlands*)

The Dismissal

Parish News and Announcements

TODAY - Choral Evensong for Candlemas at St Olave's with Bishop Susan Bell

Today at 4 p.m., St. Olave's, Swansea (360 Windermere Avenue), welcomes the choir of the Cathedral and their Music Director and Organist, Tom Bell, to sing evensong on the eve of Candlemas (Sunday, February 1). Following the service, the Bishop of Niagara, the Right Rev'd Susan Bell (and former associate priest at St Martin's!), will give a presentation on the Anglican Poet and writer, George Herbert. All are welcome.

Social Justice Vestry Motion and Christian Education Sessions

This year's Social Justice Vestry motion is about creation care and urging the Canadian government to fully commit to the promises we made in the Paris Accord 2015. Christian Education Sessions about the motion will be held online at 8 p.m. this Wednesday, February 4th led by parishioner Elin Goulden who is also the Social Justice & Advocacy Consultant for the Diocese of Toronto; and on Wednesday, February 11th led by Alexander Ripley who is Manager of Government Affairs-Canada for the RNG Coalition promoting green energy and former commercial advisor (energy) at the Royal Danish Consulate General. Alex also moonlights as an Anglican and Presbyterian organist from time-to-time.

Daily Devotions

Copies of Foward Day-by-Day which gives daily Scripture readings and a short commentary are available at the back of the church. These are excellent for use in your daily devotions at home.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual Pancake Supper will be held on Shrove Tuesday, February 17th in the Parish Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost:

Kids ages 12 and under \$5; Adults \$7.50; and if you really need a blow-out before the disciplines of Lent begin, 'All-you-can-eat': \$10!

Ash Wednesday is February 18th
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Ashes
8 p.m. Holy Eucharist (choral) with Ashes

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for adults and older youth are being considered for Lent. If you or others are interested, please speak with Father Hatt.

Tax Receipts for 2025 Offerings

Tax receipts for offerings made from March 1 to December 31, 2025 are now available at the back of the church. Please note that receipts for giving's received in January and February 2025 were issued earlier this year. Contact our envelope secretary, Piers if you need another copy or if you have any questions regarding your tax receipts (piers.hemmingsen@gmail.com).

Annual Vestry Reports and Meeting

Annual reports from the heads of all groups and committees are due today! Please email them to office@stmartininthefields.ca if you have not done so already. Our annual Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22nd immediately following our 11 a.m. worship.

This Week at St Martin's

Today, February 1st (*Presentation of the Lord*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

12:30 p.m. Youth Group (Guild Room)

2 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Grenadier Retirement Home)

Monday, February 2nd (*Feria*)

4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Romero House Kids Program (Hall)

Tuesday, February 3rd (*Anskar, Missionary Bishop in Sweden*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

6 p.m. - 8p.m. Beavers (Hall)

Wednesday, February 4th (*Feria*)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Cubs (Hall)

8 p.m. Christian Education (online)

Thursday, February 5th (*Martyrs of Japan*)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, February 6th (*Feria*)

7:45 p.m. - 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

Saturday, February 7th (*Feria*)

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

Next Sunday, February 8th (*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)



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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.