

# The Confession of Saint Peter

January 18, 2026

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

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 downstairs in the Hall prior to the start of worship. They return to the church during the Offertory Hymn, in time for the Communion. New children are always welcome.



**Introit Hymn #484** (*Blue Book*)

*Mckee*

**The Gathering of the Community** (*Green Book*)

p. 185

*Celebrant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

There is one body and one Spirit,

*People*

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant*

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*People*

**One God and Father of all.**

**The Collect**

Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson**

*Acts 4:8-13*

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by

the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 23

*T. 1,6*



1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still wätërs.
3. He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his näme's säke.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort më.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running övër.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ëvër.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. *Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

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 Matthew.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

*Matthew 16:13-19*

*Deacon*            The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

**Baptismal Hymn #47** (*Blue Book*)

*Detroit*

**Holy Baptism**

*See Insert*

## **Prayers of the People**

**Parish Prayer Cycle:** The Outreach Committee; Danica Loncar, Heather McMartin, David Lightheart, William Lightheart, Meryl Leslie, Rhonda Laws

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**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, Roberta Laking, Margaret D., Heather, Adrienne Beecker, Jim Muir, Gayle Covey, Greg, Shelagh, Len Curtis, Kate, Caoimhe Reardon, Rosa Soares, Jane, Edie Wise, Marilyn Webster, Diane Roy, Dale Gillespie, Mary Anne Demonte- Whelan, Anne, Cindy Paget, Joan, Josie, and all others on our hearts this day.

**The Faithful Departed:** Wayne Block, Mike McCurdy

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

**The Peace**

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**Offertory Hymn #300** (*Blue Book*)

*Westminster Abbey*



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## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Living God, accept the offering of your holy Church. As Peter confessed Jesus, the Messiah and your Son, give us courage to follow him, the Lord who reigns with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**      Eucharistic Prayer #6, pp. 207-210

*(As noted in the Book of Alternative Services, page 180, the eucharistic prayer we use today "is the work of an unofficial ecumenical committee of Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist scholars. Its source is the eucharistic prayer in the liturgy of St Basil of Caesarea.")*

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

pp. 211-213

*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.**

*We welcome baptised and communicant members of all Churches to receive the Holy Eucharist. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament today, please come to the rail to receive a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.*

**Communion Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above** (*sung by the choir*)

## **Prayer after Communion**

Keep us, Father, in this fellowship of faith, the Church of your Son Jesus Christ, and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord in all we say and do. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

**The Doxology and Blessing**

p. 214

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #459** (*Blue Book*)

*Darwall*

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*                 **Thanks be to God.**

## Parish News and Announcements

Today begins **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. There are a number of events and gatherings taking place at or around St Martin's to help us mark this important ecumenical week in the life of the church.

### Christian Education

Our Christian Education series this month will focus on ecumenism, what it is and why it is important for the life of the church.

On Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 p.m., we will hear from the Rev. Canon Dr Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations for the Anglican Church of Canada (and former St Martin's parishioner!).

On Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m., we will be joined by Nicholas Jesson, Ecumenical Officer for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina and his wife the Rev. Amanda Currie, Presbyterian minister and President of the Canadian Council of Churches.

These sessions take place online. The Zoom link will be sent to the parish email list.

### Worship Opportunities

Today, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Bishop Andrew Asbil and other Christian leaders from across the GTA will gather for an ecumenical prayer service at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Road. This is sponsored by the Greater Toronto Area Christian Council of Churches.

### Next Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.,

This Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m., the Fellowship of St. Alban & St. Sergius and the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine invite you to a gathering to celebrate the Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. at St. John's Convent (233 Cummer Ave., North York). The evening begins with Orthodox Vespers sung by members of the choir of Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission, followed by a light supper, and then a program focusing on the theme, Ancient Faith, Modern Journeys: Christianity in Iran and Iraq and Its Diaspora Legacy. To attend, please register through the Convent Guest House at [guesthouse@ssjd.ca](mailto:guesthouse@ssjd.ca) or 416-226-2201 ext. 305.

Next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at St Martin's we will observe the Conversion of Saint Paul and our own Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan will be our preacher. Canon Alyson spent her career involved and leading ecumenical ministries in Canada and throughout the world. She has been a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and a Vice-President and President of the Canadian Council of Churches.

### **Offering Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving**

An important part of our Christian vocation is the offering, according to our means, of the financial gifts God has given each of us.

Envelopes for monthly offerings to the parish are now available at the back of the church. These envelopes make it easier for our counters to track your regular offerings made by cheque or cash to the parish. If you would like a set of envelopes, but there isn't a set there for you, please connect with Piers, our envelope secretary at [piers.hemmingsen@gmail.com](mailto:piers.hemmingsen@gmail.com).

Regularly monthly offerings can also be made electronically using preauthorized giving or e-transfer. For more information, visit <https://smartininthefields.ca/donate/>.

### **Updating our Parish List**

We are reaching out regarding the Parish List for St. Martin-in-the-Fields. We would like to ensure that our records are accurate and

up to date, particularly for individuals who are new to the Church or those whose contact information has recently changed.

For new members, we want to make the process of sharing their details as simple as possible. Please let them know that they can provide their contact information directly to the Parish Office ( [office@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:office@stmartininthefields.ca) ), and we will ensure it is added to the list promptly.

For existing members who need to update their information, the Church will take care of making the necessary changes once they provide the updated details. This will help us maintain accurate communication and ensure everyone stays connected with parish activities and announcements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cyrline Taylor for the Stewardship Committee

### **Annual Vestry Reports and Meeting**

Heads of all groups and committees are asked to submit their annual written vestry report to the parish office by Sunday, February 1st (please email to [office@stmartininthefields.ca](mailto:office@stmartininthefields.ca) ). 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, January 18<sup>th</sup>** (*The Confession of Saint Peter*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

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

12:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting (Classroom)

4 p.m. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service (Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Road)

### **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** (*Feria*)

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

7:30 p.m. Management Board (Guild Room)

### **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** (*Feria*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

7:30 p.m. Health and Safety Committee (Guild Room)

### **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** (*Agnes, Martyr at Rome*)

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

8 p.m. Christian Education Series on Ecumenism (details above)

### **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** (*Vincent, Deacon of Sargossa, Martyr*)

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

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

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** (*Feria*)

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

### **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** (*Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith*)

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

### **Next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** (*The Conversion of St. Paul*)

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

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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.*