

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026

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

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

Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews, *Honorary Assistant*

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan,

Honorary Assistant

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Welcome! We are glad to have you join us in worship today.

Our Church School (for youth up to age 12) will start downstairs for their lesson, returning to the church during the Offertory Hymn, in time for the Communion. New children are always welcome.



Introit Hymn #5 (*Blue Book*)

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The Gathering of the Community (*Green Book*)

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Glory to God

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The Collect

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

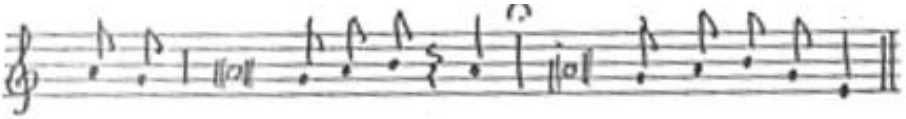
Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and

oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)



- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honour.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation

were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. *I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* **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.**

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:13-20

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray to the Lord.

Response **Lord, have mercy**

Parish Prayer Cycle: Faithworks Campaign; Robert & Roberta Laking, Tambudzai Kamukosi, Estella & Maxine Joseph, Marlene Johnson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Holland Deanery

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, Rosa Soares, Jane, Edie Wise, Marilyn Webster, Diane Roy, Dale Gillespie, Mary Anne Demonte-Whelan, Anne, Cindy Paget, Joan, Steve, Pearce, Helen Soares, Josie, and all others on our hearts this day.

*Please send the names of loved ones for the prayer list to Father Hatt at
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Confession, Absolution and the Peace

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Offertory Hymn #645 (*Blue Book*)

Down Ampney



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Parish News and Announcements

Rector at Saint Matthias' This Morning

Father Hatt is celebrating and preaching at neighbouring Saint Matthias' Anglican Church this morning at 10:30 a.m. Their parish will be closing for five years ('Sabbath rest') so plans can be made to renew their ministry in the Trinity Bellwoods area. Please keep the parish and their congregation in your prayers during this time of change for them.

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. This Wednesday, February 11th at 8 p.m. we will hear from 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. The session will be held online and the link will be emailed to the parish prior to the session.

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

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (choral) with Ashes

Confirmation Classes

Preparation classes for Baptism and Confirmation will be held this 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).

This Week at St Martin's

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

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

Monday, February 9th (*Hannah Grier Coome*)

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

7:30 p.m. Joint Parish Council & Management Board (Guild Room)

Tuesday, February 10th (*Feria*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, February 11th (*Feria*)

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

Thursday, February 12th (*Feria*)

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

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

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, February 13th (*Feria*)

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Toronto Kidz P.A. Day Camp (Hall)

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

Saturday, February 14th (*Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs*)

Next Sunday, February 15th (*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

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



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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.