

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

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

11:00 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) will gather downstairs for their lesson and return to the service during the Offertory Hymn. New children are always welcome.



The Great Litany (*Green Book*)

pp. 138-143

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to

make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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 gō; *
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 Lōrd; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. *We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.* **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 Matthew.

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed pp. 189-190

Prayers of the People

Parish Prayer Cycle Vestry Meeting; Philp Snider, Elin Goulden, Matthew Goulden, Shelley Gorman, Daisy Gonsalves, John and Susan Goddard

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Black Anglicans of Canada

Those who have asked us for prayers: Mark, Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Bob Thornley, Edith Paxton, Bishop Victoria, Joan, Anne, Gerald Mangina, Huntly, Jane Rozdzilski, Bill Keel, Ted, Ted R., Barb, Gayle Covey, Dale Gillespie, Diane Roy, Cari, Nelson, Heather, Josie, and all others on our hearts this day.

The prayer list has been 'refreshed'. Please send the names of loved ones for the prayer list to Father Hatt at nhatt@stmartininthefields.ca

Confession, Absolution and the Peace pp. 191-192

The Confession and Absolution during the Lenten Season is based on the Baptismal Covenant (see pp. 158-159 in the BAS) to help us reflect on our vocation as Christian disciples.

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ,
as we prepare for the Paschal Feast,
continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers,
let us make ready our hearts
to renew the covenant of our baptism.
Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Please Kneel (or sit) as you are able.

Let us ask God to bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.
And most especially,
let us remember the covenant of our baptism
and test our hearts and conscience
to know how faithfully we have
persevered in resisting evil,
and whenever we fell into sin,
have repented and returned to the Lord.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution and The Peace

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Prayer over the Gifts

God, our refuge and our strength, receive all that we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #2, pp. 196-

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**The Lord’s Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #7
and the Communion**

pp. 211-213

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.**

We welcome all Christians who have been baptised 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 #541 (Blue Book)

O Waly, Waly

Motet: Adam Lay Y Bounden

Boris Ord

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Doxology and Blessing

p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn #170 (*Blue Book*)

Wareham

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

Daily Prayer Devotions for Lent

Copies of a simple, shortened form of daily prayer for use during Lent are available at the back of the church. You can use this along with the daily Scripture readings available online at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd>. These readings are from the Forward Day-by-Day booklets which are usually available at the back of the church, but we have run out! More are on order.

Christian Education during Lent

Our Christian Education series this Lent will focus on the Baptismal Covenant (see BAS, pp. 158-159) and how it can help you develop a Way of Life as a Christian. All sessions will be held in-person and online, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25th
Introduction led by Father Hatt

Wednesday, March 4th
Prayer led by Bishop Victoria

Wednesday, March 11th
Holy Scripture (presenter TBA)

Wednesday, March 18th
Fasting, led by Father Hatt

Wednesday, March 25th
Almsgiving led by Shelagh MacPherson

Baptism and Confirmation Classes

Classes for those seeking baptism, confirmation and those from other Christian denominations who wish to be formally received into the Anglican Church are being held during Lent. Bishop

Kevin Robertson will be with us at St Martin's on Sunday, May 10th for the Confirmation.

Father Hatt will be away next Monday, March 2nd to Monday, March 9th for his annual Winter break. Thank you to Bishop Victoria who will be on-call for pastoral emergencies during this time.

Soup Sunday for Heat-it-Forward Returns!

By popular demand, on Sunday, March 8th Soup Sunday returns to raise funds for Heat-it-Forward. We will be offering mulligatawny soup and open-face Swiss cheese buns with gluten free options - available for take out after the 8:30 a.m. service and for eat in or take out after the 11:00 a.m. service. Suggested donation of \$15.00 per person. Bring your appetite – and enjoy – as you help to restore the funds in our Memorial Fund, one sip at a time.

As this is the first Soup Sunday for a while, the offering is being sponsored by Kathie Wagg. Should you wish to sponsor a future Soup Sunday, please advise either Glen Storey or Kathie Wagg. Thank You.

Lychgate Newsletter

The next Lychgate parish newsletter will be published March 22nd. Articles are due March 8th. Please send them to editor Ian Green.

This Week at St Martin's

Today, February 22nd (*First Sunday in Lent*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

12:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Hall)

Monday, February 23rd (*Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna*)

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

7:30 p.m. Parish Council (Guild Room)

Tuesday, February 24th (*Philip Lindel Tsen, Bishop of Honan*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, February 25th (*Lenten Ember Day*)

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

Thursday, February 26th (*Florence Li Tim-Oi, Priest*)

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

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

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, February 27th (*George Herbert, Priest and Poet*)

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

Saturday, February 28th (*Lenten Ember Day*)

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

11 a.m. Memorial for Wayne Block (Chapel)

Next Sunday, March 1st (*Second Sunday in Lent*)

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.