

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accus'd, and for us sinners sentenced:
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. *Refrain*

Gathering of the Community

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: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People:* His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

***All:* to you all hearts are open,**

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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 striven to safeguard the
integrity of God's creation, respecting, sustaining, and
renewing the life of the earth.

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.**

Kyrie/Trisagion

The Collect

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from
sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that
we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness
and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our
Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory. *I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.* **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 John.

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend

Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. *John 11:1-45*

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

Sermon

Apostles' Creed pp 189-190

Prayers of the People Litany #6, p. 115

Leader Let us pray to the Lord.
Response **Lord, have mercy.**

Parish Prayer Cycle: The Choir; Yuko Higuchi, Antonio Henry, Helen Hemmingsen, Piers Hemmingsen, Doug Hattey

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Etobicoke-Humber Deanery

Those who have asked us for prayers: Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Bob Thornley, Edith Paxton, Mark, Bishop Victoria, Joan, Anne, Gerald Mangina, Huntly, Jane Rozdzilski, Bill Keel, Ted, Ted R., Barb, Gayle Covey, Dale Gillespie, Diane Roy, Cari, Nelson, Heather, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Dennis Freeman, Larry MacDonald, John Martin, River, Talitha and Michael, 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

Offertory Hymn #306

Richmond



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Prayer over the Gifts

Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #2, p. 196-197

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

p. 211-113

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 #177

Beach Haven

Prayer after Communion

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Doxology and Blessing

p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn #454

Carlisle

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Parish News and Announcements

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2026

**also available on livestream*

HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: March 30–April 1

9:00 a.m. Mattins

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Washing of the Feet, Stripping of the Altar*

9:30 p.m. Vigil at the Garden of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3

10:00 a.m. Children's Service

1:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross*

EASTER EVE: April 4

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil* followed by the Resurrection Party

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5

8:30 Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

EASTER MONDAY: April 6

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

EASTER TUESDAY: April 7

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Palm Cross Making

As a preparation for Holy Week, please come to the Guild Room this Saturday, March 28th at 10 a.m. to help make palm crosses for our Palm Sunday procession the following day.

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing

Since ancient times Christians have observed the *Pedilavium* ('foot washing') as a preparation for Easter celebrations, recalling how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper, giving them an example of service and humility. We observe this ceremony as part of our worship on Maundy Thursday. If you would like to participate in this foot washing, please indicate this to Father Hatt (nhatt@stmartininthefields.ca).

Easter Memorial Flowers

Donations for Easter Memorial Flowers can be made via e-transfer or by placing an offering in the offering plate. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please note the names of those you would like remembered on the envelope or in the notes section of your e-transfer. Please make those donations by Wednesday April 1, 2026.

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> which also includes a link you can use to say Morning or Evening Prayer on your mobile device..

Christian Education during Lent

Our Christian Education series this Lent focuses 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 (in the Guild Room) and online (the link will be emailed to the parish

e-list) at 8 p.m. Our remaining session is this Wednesday, March 25th led by parishioner Shelagh McPherson.

Resurrection Party: April 4th

After the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, April 4th, we will host our annual Resurrection Party. Parishioners are asked to bring “finger foods” that are sweet or savoury and/or beer or wine. There is a sign-up sheet on the podium at the back of the church-or text, call. Thank you!

New Joint Outreach and Missional Committee

As noted at Vestry a few weeks ago, the parish Outreach and Missional committees are merging to better coordinate activities and consider some new projects. The first meeting of this new joint planning committee will take place on Monday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild Room (Zoom option available upon request). All interested are welcome. If you have questions, please speak with Kathy Mansfield or Father Hatt.

Help Restore Communities in Jamaica

The devastation in Jamaica after Hurricane Melissa is immense, and the need for help is immediate. FaithWorks is matching all gifts to the Bishop’s Appeal for Jamaican Relief and Reconstruction up to \$50,000, doubling the impact of every donation until April 17. Alongside Hope will distribute the funds through its partners in Jamaica. Seventy donors have given \$15,500 so far. Read more about the appeal and donate online at FaithWorks.ca.

This Week at St Martin's

Today, March 22nd (*Fifth Sunday in Lent*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

Monday, March 23rd (*Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia*)

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

7:30 p.m. Outreach & Missional Committee (Guild Room)

Tuesday, March 24th (*Lenten Feria*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Beavers (Hall)

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

Wednesday, March 25th (*The Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Cubs (Hall)

8 p.m. Christian Education (Guild Room or online)

Thursday, March 26th (*Lenten Feria*)

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

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

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 27th (*Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York*)

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

Saturday, March 28st (*Lenten Feria*)

10 a.m. Palm Cross Making (Guild Room)

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

Next Sunday, March 29th (*The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*)

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.