

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

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

Preacher: The Rev'd Michelle Childs-Ward, *Honorary Assistant*

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.



Introit Hymn #205(*Blue Book*)

Ellacombe

The Gathering of the Community (*Green Book*) p. 185

Glory to God p. 186

The Collect

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23

Tone 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 waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
- 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 me.
- 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 over.
- 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 ever.

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in

his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. *I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.* **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 John.

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

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." *John 10:1-10*

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed p. 188

Prayers of the People Litany #15, p. 122

Leader In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life,
 saying, **“Hear us, Lord of glory!”**

Parish Prayer Cycle: The Coffee Cohorts & Hospitality Group;
Margaret Douglin, Junette Douglin, Dianne Doughty, Karen
Dorval

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Vocations for Ordained Ministry

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, Raymond
Dunning, John Martin, River, Talitha and Michael, Greg, Josie,
Estella Joseph, Maurine Smith, Len Curtis, Gwen Audus and
Family, Maribel, Philip Dawson, and all others on our hearts this
day.

The Faithful Departed: Roy Audus, Margaret Holman

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

Offertory Hymn #457 (*Blue Book*)

O Filli et Filiae

Announcements

Closing Hymn #364 (*Blue Book*)

Iste Confessor

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia!

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Parish News and Announcements

Christian Education Series: "Walking Alongside"

Christian Education Returns this week for the next three Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. with our Easter Season series: "Walking Alongside: Holy Friendship". All are welcomed, please join us in the Guild Room or online via Zoom. (A link will be provided by email in advance.)

On Wednesday, April 29th, Father Hatt will introduce the theme of Holy Friendship, we will discuss some famous friendships in scripture and what they can teach us, and two St. Martin's friends will share how their friendship has been spiritually enriching.

Wednesday May 6, we will discuss the role of godparents and sponsors not only at baptism but also in accompanying a person in their long life of faith. Please bring stories of your own godparents and other mentors and guides who have journeyed alongside you as a disciple of Christ.

Wednesday May 13, we will discuss the role of spiritual directors - what exactly is spiritual direction, and how is it different from therapy or counselling?

Confirmation at St Martin's

Bishop Kevin Robertson will be with us at St Martin's on Sunday, May 10th for Confirmation. Please plan to attend to welcome him and join in prayer with our confirmation candidates as they undertake this next step in their Christian pilgrimage.

Gardening at St. Martin's

The Garden team is beginning regular gardening sessions on Monday, April 27th. We meet Mondays from 10:00-12:00 each week through to the end of June and then again in September and October. New volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you're new to gardening, we're happy to provide instruction and

lend you tools. For more information, speak to Patty McKnight or Ingrid Whitaker.

Flower Power for Water

Geraniums will be on sale to plant in our garden at St. Martin's. The money raised will be donated to Alongside Hope for their clean water projects in Indigenous communities in the north. The Geraniums will be on sale for two Sundays as soon as they are available for purchase.

The Coffee Cohort Team

The Coffee Cohort Team are seeking new members. If you are interested in serving (and pouring), please contact Jay Haddad. Thank you!

The Blessing Box

At Eastertime, we are encouraged to remember those in our community who are less fortunate and have needs that we can help alleviate. We serve these people with our Blessing Box – which is continually in need of our support.

The Box takes non-perishable and unopened foods, as well as common personal and household items. You can put these items directly into the Blessing Box or drop them into the bin provided at the back of the Church.

In the cold of winter, we put out cold weather clothing such as warm socks, mitts, gloves, hats, scarves and hoodies. As weather is now warming, we will hold any such items donated for next winter.

At the same time, please also remember the Library and Kids Library sections. We especially need children's books as these are very popular.

Our local neighbours do frequently put items in the Box, but this is not sufficient to satisfy the need in the community.

We sincerely appreciate those parishioners who regularly contribute to the Blessing Box either directly or via our internal bin. Thank you for your contributions!

Blessing Box Monitoring Team

Capella Regalis Men and Boys and Girls' Choirs

St. Martin-in-the-Fields will welcome Capella Regalis Choirs from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Toronto during their first Quebec and Ontario Tour during the weekend of May 30th to 31st.

On Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 7:30 PM at St Martin's

CONCERT: "Sea Songs and Sacred Anthems"

Directed by Nick Halley and Vanessa Halley
with Paul Halley, organ and piano

On Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 11 AM

The choirs will sing in place of our parish choir at our 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

For more information, visit www.capellaregalis.com.

Easter Evensong Homily Series

During the season of Eastertide, St. Thomas' Church at 383 Huron Street will be hosting a homily series on the spiritual senses during Sunday Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. This Sunday, The Rev. Canon Maggie Helwig of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields will preach. Next Sunday, May 3rd, St Martin's own Dr. Joseph Mangina of Wycliffe College will be the preacher, followed on May 10th by The Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee of Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church and on May 17th by Dr. Justin Stratis of Wycliffe College.

FaithWorks

FaithWorks is a charitable program of the Diocese of Toronto which raises funds to support ministry and create communities of hope for those who are Indigenous, homeless, hungry, at-risk women, children or youth, immigrants or refugees, or struggling with HIV/AIDS throughout our diocese. Our parish also receives

15% of all funds we raise to support some of our local outreach partners. Last year our parish raised \$24,705! During this 30th anniversary year for Faithworks, the bishop has challenged all parishes to raise more, specifically 1% of their total offering amount of last year. Our goal is to raise \$27,400. Please pick up your personalized package about Faithworks at the back of the church. Visit www.faithworks.ca/ <<http://www.faithworks.ca/>> for more information.

This Week at St Martin's

Today Sunday, April 26th (*Fourth Sunday of Easter*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Monday, April 27th (*Easter Feria*)

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

Tuesday, April 28th (*Easter Feria*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

7:30 p.m. Health, Safety and Security Committee (Guildroom)

Wednesday, April 29th (*Catherine of Siena, Reformer & Spiritual Teacher*)

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

Thursday, April 30th (*Marie de l' Incarnation, Educator & Spiritual Teacher in New France*)

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

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

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, May 1st (*Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Saturday, May 2nd (*Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of Faith*)

Next Sunday, May 3rd (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Guild Room)

12:30 p.m. Missional Outreach Committee (St Nicholas' Room)

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



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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.