

Feast of the Ascension

May 17, 2026

(transferred)

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

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

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

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

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.



Introit Hymn #247 (*Blue Book*)

Ascension

The Gathering of the Community (*Green Book*)

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Glory to God

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The Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

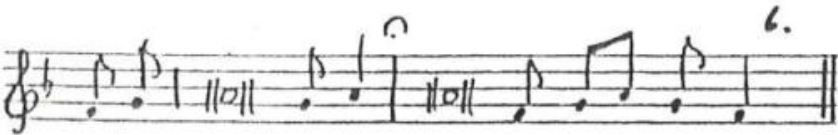
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 47

Tone 6



- 1 Clap yōur hands, all you peōples; *
 shout to God with ā crīy of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is tō bē feared; *
 he is the great king ovēr all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peōples undēr us, *
 and the nations tūndēr our feet.

- 4 He chooses our inheritance f̄or us,*
the pride of Jac̄ob̄ wh̄om he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with ā shout,*
the Lord with the sound of̄ the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing pr̄aises;*
sing praises to our k̄ing, sing praises.
- 7 For God is king of all f̄he earth;*
sing praises w̄ith āll your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the n̄ations;*
God sits upon h̄is h̄oly throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered toget̄her*
with the people of the God of̄ Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong f̄o God,*
and he is highl̄y ex̄alted.

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over

all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. *Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.* **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.**

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *Luke 24:44-53*

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Litany #15, p. 122

Parish Prayer Cycle: Children and Youth Ministry; Corey Crawford, Michael Covey, Gayle Covey, Philip Conliffe, Mary Conliffe, Gregory Conliffe, Susan Comfort Barton

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Diocese of Jerusalem

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, Cheryl Atkins, Janice Lankester and family, Stuart Macadam, 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 #206 (*Blue Book*)

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We are grateful for all contributions towards our ongoing ministry. Financial offerings can be placed on the collection plate. E-transfers can be sent to cw-stmartininthefields@toronto.anglican.ca. Please use the QR Code or visit www.stmartininthefields.ca/donate for more information about how to give.

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew

Parish News and Announcements

Towel and Food Drive

The Missional Outreach Committee is collecting towels for PARC, one of the few places in our area that provides showers for the unhoused. These can be new or gently used towels. We are also collecting for the Bloor West Food Bank: at present, their most needed items are canned meat and fish, canned fruit and vegetables, canned soup, pasta sauce and canned tomatoes, almond, oat and soya milk, instant coffee and tea bags; baby diapers (sizes 5, 6 and 7) and adult incontinence products. Please bring donations by Sunday, May 24th to St. Martin's on Sundays or, if more convenient to:

Dominic Barber LTD

The Crossways at G19-2340 Dundas Street West
Across from Dollarama)

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. & 3:15 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Neighbourhood Fun Fair

Time is fast approaching for our annual Neighbourhood Fun Fair, a very popular event that St. Martin's offers to our local community free of charge. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Come with your family to welcome other community members into our space. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and operating the various rides and stations! Please contact Kathie Wagg or Glen Storey in person at Coffee Hour, by email or sign up on the sheet provided at the rear of the church.

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.

Saturday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Concert: "Sea Songs and Sacred Anthems"

Sung by Capella Regalis Choirs from Halifax

Directed by Nick Halley and Vanessa Halley

with Paul Halley, organ and piano

Tickets: \$35 Adult / \$20 Child (under 18)

available at the door or online at www.capellaregalis.com/tour

Sunday, May 31st at 11 a.m.

Capella Regalis will sing in place of our parish choir at the Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, May 31st at 4:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong sung by Capella Regalis

at Grace Church-on-the Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road

The Church School Easter Sharing and Caring Tree

In the Early Church, Christians shared what they had with others as a way to show God's love. As followers of Jesus we are called to do the same.

In the parish hall during coffee hour you will find a tree with paper leaves hanging from the branches. Leaves are a symbol of new life, and each leaf on this tree contains a suggestion of ways to help bring "new life" to situations of need.

Congregation members are invited to join the children in our Church School throughout the weeks of Eastertide by choosing leaves to take home, following the suggestion, and placing the leaf in the offering plate the following week as a sign of our community in action.

Articles for The Lychgate Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the Summer issue of The Lychgate is May 31st. Please send submissions to Ian Greene.

This Week at St Martin's

Today, Sunday, May 17th (*Ascension Sunday*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Monday, May 18th (*Easter Feria*)

Tuesday, May 19th (*Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, May 20th (*Easter Feria*)

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

Thursday, May 21st (*Easter Feria*)

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

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

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, May 22nd (*Easter Feria*)

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

Saturday, May 23rd (*Easter Feria*)

Next Sunday, May 24th (*The Day of Pentecost*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Baptism and Eucharist (choral)



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The Rev'd Michelle Childs-Ward	<i>Honorary Assistant</i>
The Rev'd James Decker	<i>Honorary Assistant</i>
The Rev'd Canon David Luxton	<i>Honorary Assistant</i>
The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews	<i>Honorary Assistant</i>

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Weekly Service Schedule

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said, in the Calvary Chapel)

Feast days and special services as announced.

Photographs may be taken during church services and events and may be used in print and online materials for St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Your image may also appear in livestreamed services. If you have concerns, please inform Fr. Hatt or the wardens.