

Fifth Sunday of Easter on the Feast of Dedication

May 3, 2026

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt

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

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan

Preacher: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt

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 #515 (*Blue Book*)

St. Magnus (T. 491)

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 is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

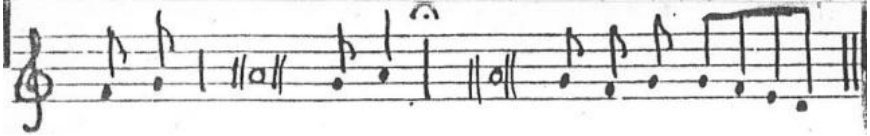
But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they

were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-1

Tone 1.5



- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. *I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by 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.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

John 14:1-14

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People For the Feast of Dedication, pp. 671-672

Response **We thank you, Lord.**

Parish Prayer Cycle: The Missional Team; Walter Dorn, Phil Devine, David Derry, Stephanie Dell'Erede, Jordan Dell'Erede

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of North India (United)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: New Curates of the Diocese of Toronto

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, 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 #302 (*Blue Book*)

Little Cornard



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

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3, pp. 198-200

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #8
and the Communion**

pp. 211-213

Priest

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People **Now we are raised to new life.**
Priest We were buried in your tomb.
People **Now we shared in your resurrection.**
Priest Live in us, that we may live in you.

We welcome baptised and communicant members of all Churches to receive the Holy Eucharist. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament today, please come to the rail to receive a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

Communion Hymn #534 (*Blue Book*)

Tokyo

Prayer after Communion

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for our Parish on the Feast of Dedication

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who dedicated to you and serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

The Doxology & Blessing

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Announcements

Closing Hymn #459 (*Blue Book*)

Darwall (T. 323)

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 with our Easter Season series: "Walking Alongside: Holy Friendship". All are welcome, please join us in the Guild Room or online via Zoom. (A link will be provided by email in advance.)

Last Wednesday, Father Hatt gave an introduction to Christian friendship.

This Wednesday, May 6 at 8 p.m., 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.

On Wednesday, May 13 at 8 p.m., 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 next 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.

Altar Flowers

A friendly reminder that that sign up sheet for those wishing to donate altar flowers for Sunday worship is available on the bulletin board near the west door in the narthex.

Gardening at St. Martin's

The Garden team is hard at work! We meet Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 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 are available again this Sunday for \$5 each. They will be planted in St. Martin's garden and the proceeds sent to Alongside Hope for their Indigenous clean water projects.

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, located outside at the Lychgate. It 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.

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

Missional Outreach Committee Sign Up

Today at coffee hour come and sign up to help at the various missional outreach activities happening in our parish over the next few months. This includes (among other things) our neighbourhood Fun Fair, a walk on Toronto Island, the Strawberry Tea, and Blessing of Pets in October.

Towel and Food Drive

Next Sunday, May 10th through to Sunday, May 17th St Martins will be collecting food items, towels and toiletries to donate to

either PARC or the Bloor West Food Bank. We will put a recommended list out in the announcements. Please ensure all donated items have not expired. This can happen when canned foods are donated. For any questions regarding donations please reach out to Domitillah.

Food Safety

There is an article on Food Safety Tips available at the rear of the church. Please help yourselves.

The Church School Easter Sharing and Caring Tree

As we heard last week in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the people in the Early Church 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 3rd (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Guildroom)

1 p.m. Missional Outreach Committee (Classroom)

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

Monday, May 4th (*Easter Feria*)

10 a.m. to 12 noon. Gardening Group

7:30 p.m. Food Security Outreach Meeting (Guildroom)

Tuesday, May 5th (*Easter Feria*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, May 6th (*Saint John the Evangelist*)

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

Thursday, May 7th (*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 8th (*Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Teacher*)

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

Saturday, May 9th (*Easter Feria*)

Next Sunday, May 10th (*Sixth Sunday of Easter*)

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

12:30 p.m. Mission/Outreach Meeting (Guildroom)



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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.

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