

Sixth Sunday of Easter and Rogation Sunday

May 10, 2026

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Kevin Robertson, Bishop Suffragan

Assisting: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent

Welcome! We are glad to have you join us in worship today.



Introit Hymn # 249 (*Blue Book*)

Aberystwyth

The Gathering of the Community (*Green Book*)

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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I

proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all people to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. *If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.* **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.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

John 14:15-21

Deacon

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Children`s Talk & Sermon

Hymn #637 (*Blue Book*)

Veni Creator Spiritus

Confirmation and Reception

Confirmands:

Madeleine Deland, Melissa Frost, Finn Keesmaat-Walsh,
William Lighthouse, Matthew Snider, and Adriel Yunusa

Being received into the Anglican Communion:

Brian Hagood, Ingram Snow-Wolf

The presenters for the confirmands say to the bishop,

I present N for confirmation.

The presenters for those being received into the Anglican Communion say,

I present N to be received into this Communion.

The bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Response I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Response I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Response I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

After all have been presented, the bishop addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The bishop then says in these or similar words,

Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People

I will, with God's help.

Prayers

The bishop says to the congregation,

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Silence may be kept. Then the bishop says,
Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The bishop lays his hand upon each one and says,

For Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. **Amen.**

For Reception

N, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Then the bishop shall say,

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand, and the bishop addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Hearts to Heaven

Wurzburg

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1 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine,
From the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, with our hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving
for the life of Elizabeth Longmore on the first anniversary of her death.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **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 #237 (*Blue Book*)

Noel Nouvelet

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death.

May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology & Blessing

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Announcements

Closing Hymn #429

(*Dix*)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon
and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle
thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
5. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and
buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!
All **Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Immediately following the service, please head follow the choir and sanctuary party outside for the blessing of the parish garden. A reception follows in the parish hall. Please come and welcome the bishop, the confirmands, and all who have been received into the Anglican Communion this day.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

Parish Prayer Cycle: All Mothers, and all who have played a mothering role in our lives; Mary Deland, Maddy Deland, Donald Deasley, Esperanza Martinex, Phil Dawson, Harold Danby, Milly Danby;

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Oshawa 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, 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.

The Faithful Departed: Clifford Barwick

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

About the Church of Pakistan

The Church of Pakistan is a united Protestant church and was formed in 1970 bringing together Anglican, Methodist, Scottish Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches. It is affiliated with the Anglican Communion, with eight dioceses and approximately 1.5 million members.

Parish News and Announcements

Third Annual Deanery Evensong

Anyone who lives, works or worships in the Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery of the Diocese of Toronto is invited to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene (477 Manning Avenue) for a deanery-wide Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 14, at 4:00 p.m., followed by a reception. The deanery stretches from the Humber River to University Avenue, and from Lake Ontario to Hwy 401. The preacher will be Dr. Kristen Deede Johnson, Principal and Helliwell Professor of Theology, Ministry, and Culture at Wycliffe College.

FaithWorks

A friendly reminder to please pick up your FaithWorks envelope at the back of the church.

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, we discussed the role of godparents and sponsors not only at baptism but also in accompanying a person in their long life of faith.

This 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?

Altar Flowers

A friendly reminder that the 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

Today - 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.

Today - Towel and Food Drive

This Sunday 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 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)

Monday, May 11th (*Rogation Day*)

7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Guildroom)

Tuesday, May 12th (*Rogation Day*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, May 13th (*Rogation Day*)

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

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

Thursday, May 14th (*Ascension of the Lord*)

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

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

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, May 15th (*Saint Matthias the Apostle*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Saturday, May 16th (*Easter Feria*)

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

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)



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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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