Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2026

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 Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, 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) gathers downstairs (or outside in the parish garden) for their lesson and returns to the service during the Offertory Hymn. Please speak with the greeters at the back of the church if you need assistance finding them. New children are always welcome.

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Introit Hymn #226 *Straf Mich Nicht*

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

Glory to God p. 186

The Collect

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 14:19-31*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming

a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114 **4.9**



Cantor 1 **Halle**lujah!
When Israel came **out** of Egypt, *
People the house of Jacob from a people of **strange** spe¨ech,
2 Judah became God's **sanc**tuary *
and Israel his do**min**io¨n.

Cantor 3 The sea beheld **it** and fled; *
Jordan turned and **went** ba¨ck.
People 4 The mountains **skipped** like rams, *
and the little hills like **young** she¨ep.
Cantor 5 What ailed you, O sea, **that** you fled? *
O Jordan, that you **turned** ba¨ck?
People 6 You mountains, that you **skipped** like rams? *
you little hills like **young** she¨ep?
Cantor 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence **of** the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of **Ja**co¨b.
People 8 Who turned the hard rock into a **pool** of water *
and flint-stone into a flow**ing** spri¨ng.

The Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For

it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved 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 Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were

greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." *Matthew 18:21-35*

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed p. 188

Prayers of the People Litany #2, p. 112

Parish Prayer Cycle: The Readers; Robert Snow, Ian Snider, Carol Shepherd, Barbara Godden, Timothy Secord

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Lay Ministry and the Education for Ministry Program

Those who have asked us for prayers: Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Edith Paxton, Mark, Bishop Victoria, Joan, Anne, Huntly, Jane and Joe Rozdzilski, Ted, Ted R., Dale Gillespie, Cari, Nelson, Heather, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Dennis Freeman, Raymond Dunning, John Martin, River, Greg, Josie, Estella Joseph, Maurine Smith, Cheryl Atkins, Stuart Macadam, Grace, Elizabeth, Lesbilina Oliveira and family, Robert, Steve, Todd Cowans, Norman Michael Devine, Leslie Dyment, Greg and Roseann Hart, Rosa Soares, Ray Shaver, Fr David Mulholland, and all others on our hearts this day.

The Faithful Departed: Jill Busman

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

Confession, Absolution and the Peace p. 191-192

Offertory Hymn #374 *Hyfrydol*

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.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Denise Nesbitt by the Hattey family.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 1, pp. 193-195

The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread and the Communion pp. 211-213

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

Communion Hymn #227 *Israel Went Out of Egypt*

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy

things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology & Blessing p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn #357 *Luckington*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

In our prayers today...

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
This province of the Anglican communion was established in 1857. It was formerly known as the Church of the Province of New Zealand, and received its current name in 1992 after restructuring to a three tikanga (a customary system of values and practices) system to allow worshippers to choose their particular cultural expression of faith. It has three primates (each representing a tikanga), thirteen dioceses and approximately 469,000 members. Saint Martin's has a special connection to the church in New Zealand: Bishop Victoria Matthews (honorary assistant) was diocesan bishop of Christ Church, New Zealand from 2008 until retiring in 2018.

In our worship this week…

Holy Cross Day (transferred), Tuesday, September 15th
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
This feast marks the day the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated in Jerusalem in 335 AD. According to legend, wood fragments from our Lord's Cross had been discovered on that site nine years earlier. This feast reminds us that we worship a God

who is love incarnate, made flesh in Jesus Christ who was born, died, and rose again for us, in this space and time, on this earth.

Holy Cross Ember Day, Saturday, September 18th
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
In the liturgical calendar of the Western Christian churches, Ember days are four separate sets of three days set aside for fasting and prayer, which mark the changing of the natural seasons. They are also traditionally a time for ordination. The four sets occur in between the third and fourth Sundays of Advent (winter); between the first and second Sundays of Lent (spring); between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday (summer); and the week beginning on the Sunday after Holy Cross Day in September (autumn).

Parish News and Announcements

TONIGHT - Welcome Back Dinner

All are welcome at our parish dinner tonight at 5 p.m. in the Parish Garden. There will be barbequed chicken and butter chicken and corn, as well as some vegetarian and gluten-free options. Please bring a beverage of choice (that may include wine or beer), a salad, or some dessert. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and make new friends in the parish.

THIS WEDNESDAY - Christian Education: Summer Book Club

This summer, our parish has been reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom and *The Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris. We will gather on September 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 8 p.m. to discuss the books, ending our time with Compline. All sessions will be held over Zoom (the link will be sent to the parish elist) or in person in the Guild Room.

THIS MONDAY - Outreach Committee Meeting

The Outreach Committee will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 14th at 5:45 p.m. in the Guild Room. Light refreshments and supper will be provided. New members welcome. Please contact Kathy Mansfield if you have any questions.

Blessing of the Pets

Parishioners and neighbours are invited to bring their pets to our garden for a time of prayer and blessing on Sunday, October 4th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order, and a lover of animals and creation. Even if you don't have a pet, you are welcome to attend! Please contact Nadine Barmania at NJLBarmania@gmail.com or sign the volunteer sheet at the back of the church if you can volunteer to help with the event.

Saint Martin's Pickleball
Pickleball has resumed! Sessions are held in the parish hall on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. No experience necessary! Just show up and you will get a turn on the court. Rackets can be provided.

50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women
On October 18th at 4:30 p.m. there will be a joyful service of Evensong at St. James' Cathedral to celebration the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in Canada. This special service is open to all, with a light reception to follow. Bishop Riscylla Shaw will be the preacher.

Collect your Summer Church Bulletins
Each year, we ask parishioners to bring back bulletins from churches they visited during the summer and post them on the bulletin board at the church entrance. In the September edition of *The Lychgate*, we will summarize the churches our parishioners visited in Canada and abroad and compare the results to previous years.

Pastoral Associate for Children's and Youth Ministry Vacation
Our Pastoral Associate for Children's and Youth Ministry, Finn Keesmaat-Walsh will be on vacation from Monday, September 14th until Monday, September 21st. The Church School will be led by volunteers next Sunday, September 20th.

New Parish Office Hours
Starting this Tuesday, September 15th our Parish Administrator, Shukura Alleyne, will be in the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

This Week at St Martin's

Today Sunday, September 13th *(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)
5 p.m. Welcome Back Dinner in the Garden

Monday, September 14th (*Holy Cross Day)*
5:45 p.m. Outreach Committee meeting (Guild Room)
7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting (Guild Room)

Tuesday, September 15th (*Holy Cross Day, transferred)*
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Beavers (Hall)
7 – 8:30 p.m. Scouts (Hall)

Wednesday, September 16th (*Holy Cross Ember Day*)
6:30 – 8 p.m. Cubs (Hall)
8 p.m. Book Club (Guild Room)

Thursday, September 17th (*Feria*)
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, September 18th *(Holy Cross Ember Day)*
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:45 – 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

Saturday, September 19th (*Holy Cross Ember Day)*
10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Healy William Singers Rehearsal (Church)

Next Sunday, September 20th *(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)*
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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