Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)
Celebrant and 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 #380 *Hanover*

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

Glory to God p. 186

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
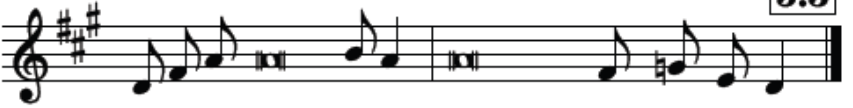
Old Testament Reading *Exodus 16:2-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as

much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 **5.3**



Cantor 1 **Give thanks** to the Lord and call upon his **name**; *
People make known his deeds a**mong** the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to **him**, *
and speak of all his **mar**vellous works.
Cantor 3 Glory in his holy **name**; *
let the hearts of those who **seek** the Lord rejoice.
People 4 Search for the Lord and his **strength**; *
continu**ally** seek his face.
Cantor 5 Remember the marvels he has **done**, *
his wonders and the judge**ments** of his mouth,
People 6 O offspring of Abraham his **ser**vant, *
O children of Ja**cob** his chosen.
Cantor 37 He led out his people with silver and **gold**;
in all their tribes there was not **one** that stumbled.
People 38 Egypt was glad of their **goi͡n͡g**
because they **were** afraid o͡f them.
Cantor 39 He spread out a cloud for a **cov**ering
and a fire to give light in **the** night season.
People 40 They asked, and quails ap**peared**,
and he satisfied them **with** bread from hea͡v͡en.
Cantor 41 He opened the rock, and water **flowed**,
so the river ran in **the** dry places.
People 42 For God remembered his holy **word**
and Abra**ham** his servant.
Cantor 43 So he led forth his people with **glad**ness
his chosen **with** shouts of joy.
People 44 He gave his people the lands of the **na**tions
and they took the fruit **of** others' toil,

Cantor 45 That they might keep his **sta**tutes
and observe his laws. **Hal**lelujah!

The Epistle *Philippians 1:21-30*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. *Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.* **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.**

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:1-16

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 Coffee Cohorts & Hospitality Group; Lois Secord, Vivian Yap and Philip Savage, Bernard Sanders, Aster Samuel

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Nottawasaga Deanery

Those who have asked us for prayers: Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Edith Paxton, Mark, Bishop Victoria, Joan, Anne, Huntly, Jane 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.

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

Confession, Absolution and the Peace pp. 191-192

Offertory Hymn #388 *Austria*

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Prayer over the Gifts

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 #458 *Seek Ye First*

Prayer after Communion

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology & Blessing p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn #565 *Cwm Rhondda*

The Dismissal

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

In our prayers today...

The Anglican Church of Australia

This province of the Anglican communion was established as the Church of England in Australia with the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788, and as an independent province in 1962. It has five internal provinces, twenty-three dioceses (including one extra provincial diocese), and approximately 3.8 million members.

In our worship this week…

Feast of Saint Matthew the Evangelist

Tuesday, September 22 (transferred)

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

Matthew was an apostle of Jesus who witnessed Christ's ministry first-hand. He is credited with writing the Gospel book which bears his name. We are told that Jesus found Matthew sitting at a booth collecting taxes from his fellow citizens and invited him to be one of his followers. In Jesus' time, tax collectors were considered collaborators, known for extortion, and so it is not surprising that the Pharisees and Scribes later criticise Jesus (in Mark's Gospel) for consorting with Matthew. This prompted Jesus to reply, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17). We give thanks for Matthew's faithfulness in sharing the Good News he encountered in Jesus Christ.

Parish News and Announcements

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 again this Wednesday, September, 23rd at 8 p.m to discuss both books. We will meet again, next Wednesday, September 30th to discuss *The Cloister Walk*. We end 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. All are welcome!

Bulbs for the Garden
Donations of spring bulbs for the church garden would be much appreciated. The squirrels and raccoons take a toll on the bulbs presently in the garden and so we need to replenish them regularly. Please look for bulbs that say "year after year" or "naturalizing" on the package as they will continue to bloom for many years. Please leave your bulbs in the basket that will be at the back of the church until October 11th.

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 or sign the volunteer sheet at the back of the church if you can volunteer to help with the event.

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.

New Parish Office Hours
Our Parish Administrator, Shukura Alleyne, is 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 20th *(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Monday, September 21st (*St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist)*
7:30 p.m. Management Board (Guild Room)

Tuesday, September 22nd (*St. Matthew, transferred)*
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Beavers (Hall)
7 – 8:30 p.m. Scouts (Hall)
7:30 p.m. Health, Safety & Security Committee (Guild Room)

Wednesday, September 23rd (*Feria*)
6:30 – 8 p.m. Cubs (Hall)
8 p.m. Book Club (Guild Room)

Thursday, September 24th (*Feria*)
1 – 3 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
6 – 8 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, September 25th *(Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, Spiritual Teacher)*
7:45 – 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

Saturday, September 26th (*Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester)*
10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Healy William Singers Rehearsal (Church)

Next Sunday, September 27th *(St. Michael & All Angels Transferred)*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism (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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