## **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost** October 25, 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 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) gathers downstairs 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 #347** *Leoni*

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

**Glory to God** p. 186

### The Collect

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it

with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

**Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17** **1.8**



*Cantor* 1 **Lord, you** have been our **ref**uge *
*People* from one generation **to** another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth **were** born, *
from age to **age** you are God.
*Cantor* 3 You turn us back to the dust **and** say, *
"Go **back**, O child of earth."
*People* 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it **is** past *
and like a **watch** in the night.

*Cantor* 5 You sweep us away like **a** dream; *
we fade away sud**den**ly līke the grass.
*People* 6 In the morning it is green and flou**rish**es; *
in the evening it is dried **up** and wīthered.
*Cantor* 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you **tar**ry? *
be gracious **to** your sērvants.
*People* 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the **mor**ning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the **days** of our life.
*Cantor* 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflic**ted** us *
and the years in which we suf**fered** adversity.
*People* 16 Show your servants **your** works *
and your splendor **to** their chīldren.
*Cantor* 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be u**pon** us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
pros**per** our hāndiwork.

**The Epistle** *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply

do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*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 Matthew.
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. *Matthew 22:34-46*

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** p. 188

**Prayers of the People** Litany #5, pp. 114-115

**Parish Prayer Cycle**: Servers Guild; Okechi Nwamaka Okojie and Lisa, Ted, and Jania Okojie, Eddie Norfolk, Caroline Newton, Janet Nahabedian

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** North Peel 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, Lesbilina Oliveira and family, Robert, Steve, Todd Cowans, Norman Michael Devine, Leslie Dyment, Greg and Roseann Hart, Ray Shaver, Fr David Mulholland, Lee Jeffrey, Danny Cooper, Habtom Embaye, Virginia Cummings, Father Adolfo Losaria, Cate Grainger and Tom, Susanne, and Charlotte, Lourdes Gibson, 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 #645** *Down Ampney*

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**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #1 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 #553** *Ubi Caritas*

**Prayer after Communion**

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Doxology & Blessing** p. 214

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #526** *Ein' feste Burg*

## The Dismissal

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

**In our prayers today...**

*The Church of the Province of Central Africa*
This province of the Anglican communion was established in 1955. It has fifteen dioceses and approximately 600,000 members. In 2024, the church approved a plan to divide the province into three national provinces for Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

**In our worship this week…**

*Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles*
*Holy Eucharist, Wednesday, October 28th at 10 a.m. (Chapel)*
On this day we remember two of our Lord's twelve apostles. Saint Simon the Zealot was a Canaanite. Being called "The Zealot" likely indicates that he was a member of the Zealots' political party, who sought to incite the people of Judea to rebel against the Roman Empire. Saint Jude, also known as Judas Thaddaeus, is one of two members of the twelve apostles named Judas, but is called Jude (or Thaddaeus) to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot. Jude is sometimes referred to as brother or son of James, likely referring to James, brother of Jesus. This would make him Jesus' brother, or nephew. He is also the author of the final letter of the New Testament. Simon and Jude are believed to have travelled together as missionary companions to modern-day Iran, where they were likely martyred together. Student ministry intern Matthew Sayer will offer a brief reflection on the appointed Scriptures for the day.

# Parish News and Announcements

**Daylight Saving**
Daylight saving time ends next weekend on November 1, 2026 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to turn your manual clocks back one hour before bed unless you want to be very early for church!

**Today – Stewardship Campaign Launch & Lunch**
St. Martin's 2027 stewardship campaign begins today with a special lunch downstairs in the Parish Hall right after the 11 a.m. service. Leaders of our various groups and ministries will be there to discuss St. Martin's needs going into the New Year and beyond. Please be sure to join us. All are welcome, especially those who are newer to the parish and want to find out more about our ministries.

**All Souls' Day**
We will observe All Soul's Day on Monday, November 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. On this day, we remember the faithful departed, those whom we love but see no longer. Please add the names of loved ones you would like remembered to the list at the back of the church or email Father Hatt at nhatt@stmartininthefields.ca.

**Upcoming Christian Education Sessions**
The Stewardship Committee will host a discussion and answer questions about our 2027 parish Stewardship Campaign on Wednesday, October 28th at 8 p.m. (online and in-person in the Guild Room).

Toronto theologian and human rights advocate Mary-Jo Leddy will speak at St Martin's about her latest book, *Why are We Here?: A Meditation on Canada* on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild Room (in person only). The following Wednesday, November 11th at 8 p.m. (online and in-person), Fr Hatt will lead a

follow-up discussion. Free copies of the book are available at coffee hour (speak with Fr Hatt or Mary Conliffe).

**Bible Study — Widows in the Bible**
Sadly, there have been a number of deaths in the parish recently. Canon Alyson is offering a Bible study for women whose partners have died. We will look at the stories of widows in the Bible and reflect on our own experience, our griefs, and our hopes as Christians. Canon Alyson proposes that we meet for 4 or 5 weeks on Thursday mornings at 10 am starting November 19. Because of the nature of this conversation it will be in person only, at the church. Please contact Canon Alyson if you are interested or have questions. Canon Alyson notes that there are men whose partners have died too, and perhaps this can be adapted for them at some time in the future.

**Finn on Vacation**
Our pastoral associate for children's and youth ministry will be on vacation this Monday, October 26th, returning on Monday, November 2nd. Thank you our volunteers who will be leading Church School next Sunday, November 1st during Finn's absence.

**The 65th Annual Bishop's Company Dinner**
The 65th Annual Bishop's Company Dinner is taking place on Friday, November 20 at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North (Highway 7 & Leslie), cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. This year's speaker is Archbishop Anne Germond, our wonderful Metropolitan of Ontario. Music will be provided by The Nathan Hiltz Quartet. The Bishop's Company celebrates and supports the ministry of our clergy by providing discretionary funds to the bishops to help clergy in emergencies and times of need. Ticket prices are $185 before October 25 (today!), or $200 from tomorrow until the evening sells out. It is always fun to put together a "St Martin's Table". Speak to Mary Conliffe for more information or order your ticket online at www.bishopscompanytoronto.ca

**Christmas Plans Come Early at Alongside Hope**
Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF) is a ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada and provides humanitarian relief funds and supports development projects in Canada and throughout the world.

***World of Gifts*** You will have received a copy of their 2026 gift catalogue with your last copy of the diocesan newspaper, The Anglican. There are gifts for every budget and ways to change people's lives. There are also opportunities to support disaster relief in Canada and overseas and to support reconciliation work in Indigenous communities. These gifts are matched with 2x support from a generous donor and from the Government of Canada through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Visit www.alongsidehope.org/worldofgifts.

***Christmas Cards*** This year there are two beautiful cards invoking the miracle of Jesus' birth. There are 12 cards in a pack with a suggested donation of $25 per pack. There is an order form on the Alongside Hope website or you can order by phoning Anslim Hameed at (416) 822-9083.

## This Week at St Martin's

**Today Sunday, October 25th** *(Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)
12:30 p.m. Stewardship Lunch (Hall)

**Monday, October 26th** (*Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons)*
7:30 p.m. Management Board (Guild Room)

**Tuesday, October 27th** (*Feria)*
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Beavers (Hall)
7 – 8:30 p.m. Scouts (Hall)

**Wednesday, October 28th** (*Saint Simon & Saint Jude, Apostles*)
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
with meditation by student intern Matthew Sayer
6:30 – 8 p.m. Cubs (Hall)

**Thursday, October 29th** (*James Hannington, Bishop of Equatorial African & his Companions, Martyrs*)
1 – 3 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
6 – 8 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Friday, October 30th** *(John Wyclyf, Reformer)*
7:45 – 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

**Saturday, October 31st** (*Saints of the Reformation Era)*
10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Healey Willan Singers Rehearsal (Church)

**Next Sunday, November 1st** *(All Saints' Day)*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)
2 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Grenadier Retirement Home)




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### Clergy

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| The Rev'd Canon David Luxton | *Honorary Assistant* |
| The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews | *Honorary Assistant* |

### Parish Officers and Staff

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### Weekly Service Schedule

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| 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.

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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.