First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2026

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Litany (said)
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Litany in Procession (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 children up to age 12) gathers 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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Blessing and Rededication of Advent Vestments

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

All **Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

The first candle is lit.

Reader 2 We light this first Advent candle to remind us that God calls us out of darkness and to walk in the light of his coming.

Reader 1 Let us pray. Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

The Great Litany

Priest God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Priest God the Son, redeemer of the world,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Priest God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Priest Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
three persons and one God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Priest Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

People **Spare us, good Lord.**

Priest From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from your wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy, from envy, hatred and malice, and from all want of charity,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest From all deadly sin, and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your word and commandment,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood, from civil strife and violence, from war and murder, and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation, and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion, by your precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of your Holy Spirit,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgement,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Strengthen your servant Charles our King in true worship and holiness of life, be his defender and keeper, that he may always seek your honour and glory, and endue the leaders of this nation and all indigenous leaders with wisdom and understanding.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Grant wisdom and justice to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Bless all your servants preparing for ministry in your Church. Pour your grace upon them that they may serve others as Christ himself has served us, for the building up of his Body in love.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all young children, and comfort the aged and lonely,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Heal those who are sick in body or mind and give skill and compassion to all who care for them,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Priest Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

People **Son of God, we ask you to hear us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People **Grant us your peace.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

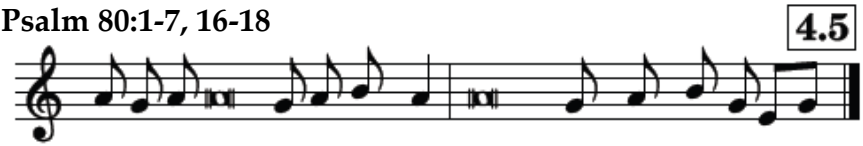
Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make

your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



Cantor 1 **Hear, O** Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph **like** a flock; *
People shine forth, you that are enthroned up**on** the cherubïm.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, **and** Manasseh, *
stir up your strength **and** come to help üs.
Cantor 3 Restore us, O **God** of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, **and** we shall be sävëd.

People 4 O Lord **God** of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the pr**ayers** of your peoplë?

Cantor 5 You have fed them with the **bread** of tears; *
you have given them **bowls** of tears to drïnk.

People 6 You have made us the derision **of** our neighbours, *
and our ene**mies** laugh us to scörn.

Cantor 7 Restore us, O **God** of hosts; *
show us the light of your countenance, **and** we shall be sävëd.

People 16 Let your hand be upon the man of **your** right hand, *
the son of man you have made **so** strong for yoursëlf.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha. Alleluia. *Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.* **Maranatha. 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 Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." *Mark 13:24-37*

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed p. 188

Prayers of the People

Parish Prayer Cycle: Faithworks Campaign; Kathy Mansfield, Kathleen Manneke, Joseph and Elisa Mangina, Nicholas Mangina.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. James Cathedral

Those who have asked us for prayers: Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Edith Paxton, Mark, Bishop Victoria, Joan, Anne, Huntly, Jane Rozdzilski, Ted, 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, Norman Michael Devine, Leslie Dyment, Greg and Roseann Hart, Ray Shaver, Fr David Mulholland, Danny Cooper, Virginia Cummings, Father Adolfo Losaria, Dave Hattey, Hazel Bentley, Michelle Gibson and family, Zach, and all others on our hearts this day.

The Faithful Departed: Edward Reid

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 #114 *(Blue Book)* *Helmsley*

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 Madonna are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Aidan Lumley (1985-2005) by his mom, Elaine.

The flowers at the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and in thanksgiving for the lives of William and Evelyn Goddard and Richard and Flori Reininger, by their children John and Susan Goddard.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Dinsmore and Janet Roberts by Shelagh McPherson and Peter Chauvin.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3, pp. 198-201

(see page 219 for the Proper Preface)

Music of the Mass: *Missa Emmanuel, Proulx*

The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #5, and the Communion pp. 211-213

We welcome baptized 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 #96 *(Blue Book)* *Conditor Alme Siderum*
Fauxbourdon Dufay

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen**.

The Doxology & Blessing p. 214

Announcements

Closing Hymn #97 *(Blue Book)* *Tantum Ergo*

The Dismissal

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

In our prayers today…

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
This province of the Anglican communion was established in 1843 as a British chaplaincy, eventually falling under the broader Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (the Holy Catholic Church of China). It was officially established as an independent Anglican province in 1998. It has three dioceses and one missionary area, with approximately 29,000 members. It was the first province to ordain a female priest; Florence Li Tim-Oi, in 1944.

In our worship this week…

Saint Andrew the Apostle
Monday, November 30th
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said) in the Chapel
with meditation by Matthew Sayer, student intern

Saint Andrew was a fisherman, a disciple of Saint John the Baptist, and the brother of Saint Peter, another apostle. According to all of the Gospel accounts, he was among the very first of the apostles to be called by Jesus. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, Andrew traveled extensively, sharing the Gospel. He is the patron saint of Barbados, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Ukraine, and several cities. He is also considered to be the founder and first bishop of the church of Byzantium.

Parish News and Announcements

Advent Vestments
Today we bless and rededicate our refurbished Advent Sarum blue dalmatic (worn by the deacon) and tunicle (worn by the subdeacon) to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William and Evelyn Goddard and Richard and Flori Reininger, given by their children John and Susan Goddard.

Advent Carol Service – NEXT SUNDAY!
Our annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service is NEXT SUNDAY, December 6th at 7:30 pm. Our Music Director, Jack Hattey and the St. Martin's Parish Choir, together with guest instrumentalists, including guest organist and parishioner John Tuttle, present a selection of Advent carols to herald the coming birth of our Saviour. A freewill offering at this service will support St Martin's Christmas Outreach. A reception follows. If you can bring some food to share at the reception, please contact Kathie Wagg at waggfamily@bell.net.

Christmas Memorial Flowers
Donations for Christmas flowers for the church can be made using the Christmas Flowers offering envelopes available at the back of the church or via etransfer to cw-stmartininthefields@toronto.anglican.ca. If you would like the flowers to be in memory of loved ones, please email those details to the parish office at office@stmartininthefields.ca.

Christmas Outreach Funds
This year we are collecting funds for Christmas Outreach which will be used to purchase gifts for parishioners who are sick or shut-in and unable to join us regularly in-person. These funds will also be used to purchase Christmas hampers for families and individuals in need at Romero House (https://romerohouse.org/) and in our community. Donations can be made via e-transfer to

cw-stmartininthefields@toronto.anglican.ca or by placing your donation in the Offering plate on Sundays. Please use the offering envelopes marked "Christmas Outreach" which are available at the back of the church. The offering at this year's Advent Lessons and Carols will also be put towards the Christmas Hampers.

Christmas Market

Thank you to everyone who donated items; knitted, cooked, and baked; volunteered and shopped. This is an important event for our parish, an opportunity to meet neighbours, and a way to raise funds for the ongoing ministry of our parish. Once the results from the day are tallied, we will report back. Special thanks to Tim Stephenson who chaired the committee with such dedicated leadership.

St Martin's Community Blessing Box

Our community Blessing Box which provides pantry and personal items to those in need in our community has been 'on pause' for the past few weeks. We know the box is appreciated by many in our neighbourhood, but unfortunately there was an increasing amount of misuse and dumping taking place. We are planning to refurbish the box and return it to the Lychgate as soon as possible. To do this, we need a group of volunteers who will check the box daily to ensure the items in it are suitable for distribution. If you can help, please contact Kathie Wagg. We also need donations of unperishable pantry foods and personal toiletries which are unopened and not expired. These can be left in the Blessing Box donation box in the narthex near the main door into the church.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday, the final Sunday of our annual Stewardship campaign. Thank you to all those parishioners who have returned their Time & Talent sheet, and 2027 financial pledge. If you have not been able to do so as yet, there is still time. Please return your completed Pledge Form and Time & Talent sheet to the church. You can also fill out these

forms on-line by going to www.stmartininthefields.ca and following the links. This information will be extremely helpful as we prepare the 2027 budget and plan for parish life in the coming year.

Interim Statements of Offering

Interim statements of your individual financial offerings to the end of October 2026 are available at the back of the church. Please speak with our envelope secretary Piers Hemmingsen if you have any questions regarding your statement.

This Week at St Martin's

Today, Sunday November 29th *(First Sunday of Advent)*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)
12 – 3 p.m. Youth Group (Guild Room)

Monday, November 30th *(Saint Andrew the Apostle)*
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
with meditation by Matthew Sayer, student intern

Tuesday, December 1st
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Beavers (Hall)
7 – 8:30 p.m. Scouts (Hall)

Wednesday, December 2nd
6:30 – 8 p.m. Cubs (Hall)

Thursday, December 3rd *(Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East*)
1 – 3 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
6 – 8 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)
8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, December 4th *(Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon & the Community of the Little Gidding)*
7:45 - 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

Saturday, December 5th (*Clement of the Alexandria, Priest)*
10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Healey Willan Singers Rehearsal (Church)

Next Sunday, December 6th *(Second Sunday of Advent)*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)
2 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Grenadier Retirement Home)
7:30 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols
An offering will be collected for St Martin's Christmas Outreach



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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.

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.

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