

Welcome
to
St. Martin's Anglican Church
December 18, 2011



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

If you are visiting with us, or here for the first time, WELCOME!! Please sign our guest book and stay for coffee following the Service. We hope that you will feel at home worshipping at St. Martin's.

Reflections for The Season of Waiting

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Next Saturday night, we will celebrate the gift of that light as we give thanks for God's gift of Our Saviour. If you were a shepherd on the hillside, what do you think you would have felt that night as the angels proclaimed the birth of the Messiah? Who would you like to share the Good News with? Have you asked God to give you the courage to speak up? Pray that you will be able to share the Good News of great joy with at least one person this Christmas.

God in our day ~ everyday!

♪ *The Fourth Sunday of Advent* ♪
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Greeters Lindis & Eugene Bacchus, Ellen Corbin

Acolytes Julia Levy, Gwynneth Wilson, Megan Allen,
Sarah Levy, Avery Collins-Bacchus

Coffee Hosts John & Judy Fowler

♪ **Introit** *Wait for the Lord* Taizé Community/J. Berthier

Opening Sentence: Mary said, "Here am I the servant of the Lord; let
it be with me according to your word." *Luke 1.38*

Silent Procession

Children's Chat & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

♪ *Light One Candle vs. 4* Mark Patterson

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Liturgy Begins

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The Collect: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 Alan May

David wonders if the time has come to build a house for the Ark of the Covenant. God replies.

♪ **Canticle Hymn** **362** *Tell Out, My Soul*

The Second Reading Romans 16.25-27 Marina Rodgers

St. Paul ends his letter to the Romans by glorifying God.

♪ **Gradual Hymn** **363 vs. 1 - 3** *My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord*

The Holy Gospel Luke 1.26-38

Please remember the following parish families in your prayers this week: Jean McNab, Carl McTaggart, Victor Middleton, Duncan & Wendy Miller, Joe & Shelley Moore, Renée Munro

Announcements

A special thank you to the Bevan family for their generous donation of our beautiful Christmas tree!

Pot-Luck Supper - Today at 5:30 p.m. Share dinner, tree trimming, carols and laughter. Bring your favorite dish, your dishes and cutlery. Our Choir & friends will present John Rutter's "Brother Heinrich's Christmas" narrated by John Bignell. Our Youth will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the food bank. There will be a sing-a-long & crafts for the children ~ Santa wouldn't miss it!!

Christmas Flowers - Memorial donations and dedications are due today.

Renewing Our Hope - Tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm. A quiet service of music and prayer for those having difficulty experiencing the joy of Christmas. If you know anyone who would benefit from this service, please invite them to join us.

Bay Ridges Long Term Care - Wednesday, December 21st at 2:00 pm. Join Rev Millie and the residents for Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Services - December 24th, Family Eucharist and Pageant at 4:00 pm; Festal Choral Eucharist at 11:00 pm. Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am. New Year's Day, Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am.

Mid-week Service - Wednesday, December 28th service *cancelled*.

Choir Practice - Thursday, December 29th cancelled.

Parish List - If you would like to be included in our parish list, order envelopes and/or have a name tag, please print your information on a blue card on the back table.

Bishop's Levee - January 1, 2012 join Bishop Linda and the College of Bishops for Choral Evensong and to offer prayers for the New Year. Bells of Old York will be rung from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Refreshments and receiving line 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Festive music begins at 4:00 pm. Choral Evensong at 4:30 pm. Nursery care. St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto.

Social Justice Presentation - Wednesday, January 11th, 18th & 25th at 7:30 pm a 6 part DVD series on *The Red Letters*, the word spoken by Jesus about poverty & justice.

The Rev. Millie Hope, Incumbent
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