St. Mary & St. Martha
ANGLICAN CHURCH







GROWING IN CHRISTLIKENESS

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity
10:30 am

Welcome to St. Mary & St. Martha!

This booklet will hopefully help make you feel more comfortable, especially if this is new to you.

We follow a particular order of service that is grounded in liturgy or "the work of the people", using a liturgical form of service that walks us through the story of Jesus Christ in a sequence that brings home the good news of God's grace to us. Each week we are brought back to the amazing story of God with us.

As a community we seek to experience the power of God in our lives. This involves gathering to worship our Lord and Saviour, then gathering in fellowship and at various events put on by the church. We encourage connections that express the love that flows through God's church through affection, patience, forgiveness, compassion, and serving those in need.

We recognise the enduring presence of Indigenous people connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Gathering

Stand

Opening Response

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, 'we are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness'. *1 Thessalonians 5:5*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Call to Worship: O Come and Sing Unto the Lord
O come and sing unto the Lord,
To Him our voices raise;
Let us in our most joyful songs
The Lord, our Saviour, praise.

Before His presence let us come
With praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing psalms to Him with grace,
With grateful hearts rejoice.

The Lord our God is King of Kings,
Above all gods His throne;
The depths of earth are in His hand,
The mountains are His own.

To Him the spacious sea belongs,
He made its waves and tides;
And by His hand the rising land
Was formed, and still abides.

O come, and bowing down to Him
Our worship let us bring;
Yea, let us kneel before the Lord,
Our Maker and our King.

Welcome *Sit*

The Rev. Canon Mark Regis, Rector

Prayers of Preparation *Sit/Kneel*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Gloria (sung) *Stand*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father, Amen..

Youth & Children's Dismissal

Young people are invited to follow their leaders to their program

Hymn: I Give All to You
I give all my service to You,
I give all my service to You;
No matter the cost or what others do,
I give all my service to You.

I give all my future to You,
I give all my future to You;
No matter the cost or what others do,
I give all my future to You.

I give all my worship to You,
I give all my worship to You;
No matter the cost or what others do,
I give all my worship to You.

The Word of God

First Reading

Sit

A reading from the book of Zephaniah, chapter one, beginning at the seventh verse.

7 Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, "The LORD will do nothing,
either good or bad."
13 Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine.'
14 The great day of the LORD is near –
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
15 That day will be a day of wrath –
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness –

16 a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.
17 ‘I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the LORD.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath.’
In the fire of his jealousy
the whole earth will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live on the earth.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 90 will be read responsively, by whole verse.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say:
‘Turn back, O children of earth.’

4 **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,**
which passes like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 **You have set our misdeeds before you**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians, chapter five, beginning at the first verse.

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write
to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction
will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and
they will not escape.
4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should
surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the
day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not
be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those

who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10] He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia *Stand*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Reading
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter twenty-five, beginning at the fourteenth verse.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[14] 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. [15] To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. [16] The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. [17] So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. [18] But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

[19] ‘After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled
accounts with them.[20] The man who had received five bags of gold brought
the other five. “Master,” he said, “you entrusted me with five bags of gold.
See, I have gained five more.” [21] ‘His master replied, “Well done, good and
faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in
charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”
[22] ‘The man with two bags of gold also came. “Master,” he said, “you
entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more.”
[23] ‘His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have
been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.
Come and share your master’s happiness!”
[24] ‘Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. “Master,” he said,
“I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and
gathering where you have not scattered seed. [25] So I was afraid and went
out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.”
[26] ‘His master replied, “You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I
harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered
seed? [27] Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the
bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with
interest.
[28] ‘“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten
bags. [29] For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an
abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken
from them. [30] And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25:14-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *continued*

Sermon *Sit*

The Rev. Canon Mark Regis, Rector

You can also view our sermons again online at stmaryandstmartha.org

Reflection: Instrumental

The Nicene Creed *Stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus, Lord to Me
Jesus, Jesus, Lord to me.
Master, Saviour, Prince of Peace!
Ruler of my heart today,
Jesus, Lord to me.

Prayers of Intercession *Sit/Kneel*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we come before God as those who have received much — life, faith, grace, and the gift of this time of worship where we are nourished in word and sacrament by our gracious God. In the spirit of the parable we have heard, let us bring before our Lord the needs of his world, that nothing entrusted to us may be buried or withheld. Let us pray by responding to the petition, 'Lord in your mercy' with, 'Hear our prayer.'

Heavenly Father, you are Lord of every nation, and all things belong to you. We pray for a world torn by conflict, inequality, and fear — for those regions where war has taken hold and peace seems a distant hope, and for the countless souls who face this day in poverty or displacement. Stir in the hearts of leaders and peoples alike a faithful stewardship of the resources, influence, and power you have entrusted to them, that they may be used not for self-serving ends but for the flourishing of all. Grant wisdom, restraint, and courage to those who seek justice and reconciliation in your name.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

Lord of the harvest, we pray for your Church throughout the world — for every congregation who gathers week by week in your name. We ask that you would call your people away from fear and selfishness, and renew in us a bold and faithful confidence to use every gift you have given us in your

service as those who reflect the face of Jesus Christ. We pray for those who lead your Church, that they may serve with selfless wisdom, teach with faithfulness, and love with sincerity. In our church family of St. Mary & St. Martha, we lift up these beloved members: John and Aldona Fosu, Cate Gardner, Winsome Gayle and their families. Unite us all in truth, and multiply our witness to Christ in all areas of life.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

Merciful Father, we lay before you all who carry the weight of illness, grief, or loneliness this day. We pray especially for those known to us and those known only to you — those in hospital, those confined to their homes, those whose sorrow is deep and whose strength is spent. Surround them with the assurance of your presence; sustain all who care for them with your grace and patience. May they know themselves held in the hands of one who does not despise the weak or abandon the struggling.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us in faith, who used well the time and gifts you granted them and have now entered into your joy. We pray for all who mourn, that they may be comforted by the hope of resurrection and by your unfailing love. Receive your servants into that place prepared for the faithful, where all gifts find their completion in your eternal glory.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

Lord God, you have placed in our hands more than we deserve and more than we can fully measure. Teach us to receive your gifts with gratitude, to offer these gifts and our very hearts back in faithful service, and to trust that whatever is given in love to you and your Creation shall not be lost.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Sit/Kneel

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Stand

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory

In our offertory, we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of ourselves and our service to the glory of God. To financially support the ongoing gospel ministry of St. Mary & St. Martha you can donate as the plate is passed or find options on our website at: ***www.stmaryandstmartha.org/give***

Offertory Hymn: My Faith Looks Up To Thee *Stand*

My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure warm and changeless be a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread, be thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside

When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold sullen stream over me roll
Blest Saviour, then in love, fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration *Stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Sit/Kneel

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your

Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light

where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

Sit

All those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord, being baptized in any Christian denomination, are welcome to the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of our welcome team. If you are not yet baptized, or wish a prayer of blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant. For those worshipping online, our prayers and invitation are extended to you in Spirit as we gather at the Lord's Table.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Worship: Bread of the World *Sit*

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart, by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and by thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Communion Worship: As We Gather at Your Table *Sit*

As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy

Prayer After Communion *Sit/Kneel*

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that

we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements *Sit*

Closing Worship: Amazing Grace *Stand*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Sending Out *Stand*

With the grace and rest of Jesus Christ at work within us, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Ministry

Following the service, our prayer team is available for confidential prayer needs in the transept (to the left of the pulpit).

In our prayers this week:

The Anglican Communion:
Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer
ACC: The members of the Council of General Synod

ELCIC: The members of the National Church Council

MOR: The members of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District

Diocese of Toronto
The Synod Office Staff

Outreach
Trinity, Streetsville; Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit; Parish of Washago-Price's Corners

St.Mary & St.Martha
Aldona and John Fosu; Catherine Gardner; Winsome Gayle

Announcements

Welcome: To find out more about SM&SM, please fill out a connection card from the Welcome Hub or scan the QR code to fill it out online. You may also speak with a member of the Ministry Team. Contact the office or visit our website to sign up for the weekly newsletter with all the updates about life at SM&SM.

Games Night Fundraiser: The Social Committee has raised over $1500! Thank you to all who participated and contributed in this annual fundraiser for the church. A special thank you to Dian and the Social Committee for all their work putting on the evening. Go to the Hall to see videos and pics from that night.

Parish Greening Event: We'll be meeting on Saturday, November 28th at 10:30am-1pm to decorate the church for Advent Season and Christmas! A fun time of getting into the Christmas spirit. Followed by a light lunch together.

Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. Michael Brain: Our very own Michael Brain, who was prepared for priestly ministry during his role as Parish Ministry Coordinator with us (Aug 2021 - Aug 2025), will be ordained to the priesthood at Christ Church Brampton, where he serves as an assistant curate on Sunday, November 29, 4pm. Canon Mark will be preaching at his service, and Michael invites anyone from St. Mary & St. Martha to be present.

Winter Coat & Boots Drive: The Next Outreach Project involves a collection of winter coats and boots for 16 newcomers who have never seen snow! You could help by either buying or donating money to this drive. Please see Shirley for more details.

Birthday Sunday: Join us in the Hall to celebrate November birthdays!

Worship

Sundays, 10:30am
Wednesday Communion, 12:00pm
Sunday School program *(kids & youth proceed downstairs from the service)*

Community

Euchre Mondays, 6:30 pm $5
Bid-Euchre, 12:30 pm every 1st and 3rd Friday $5 *(dates subject to change)*
Alpha, Wednesdays 6:30 pm
Drawing Drop-In, 10am-12pm *(December 5)*

Upcoming Dates

Parish Greening Event, November 28, 10:30am

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