



St. Martin's Anglican Church

October 10, 2021

10:00 AM

Harvest Thanksgiving

Greeters/Sidespersons: David Bowen, John Loftus

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-sho-nee) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville First Nations and the Métis (may-tee) Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We recognize and deeply respect their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions that Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening this city in particular, and our province and country as a whole.

Prelude *Elévation*, François Couperin (1668-1773)

Sentence: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Opening Hymn (organ only) Come, Ye Thankful People, vs. 1 & 4

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Creator of the fruitful earth,
you made us stewards of all things.

Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,

and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Joel 2.21-27

Reader: Selwyn Newton

A Reading from the Book of Joel:

Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then said they among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2.1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Reading Matthew 6.25-33

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Moment of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

***All* I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Selwyn Newton

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant 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.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn (organ only) All Things Bright and Beautiful, vs. 1 & 4

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of all life,
the heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,

and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,

we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All **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.**

Silence

Breaking of Bread 3

Celebrant Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All: **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

The Communion

Agnus Dei (whispered quietly)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(for those who choose not to receive Communion, or are following the service online)*

Celebrant Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you, and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

You are free to leave after receiving the Sacrament, or saying the Prayer for Spiritual Communion, if you wish. Go forth with God's grace and blessing. We will continue with the service for those who wish to remain.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of our hope,
in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries,
may we, with our lives,
give you continual thanks and praise.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology & Blessing

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
In the Church and in Christ Jesus,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 the Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you and the ones you love
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn (organ) Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 1 & 4

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
Eternal now be given,
To Spirit and to Word,
Who reign in highest heaven:
Our ever faithful God,
Whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Rev. Shelly Go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Sonnen-Hymnus*, Max Drischner (1891-1971)

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Announcements

Important reminders – We are grateful to continue in-person worship together. We will continue to follow Diocesan guidelines during our services: screening, masks, and physical distancing are mandatory. No singing is permitted at this time. We will continue to have our virtual coffee hour on Zoom (see link below.) **Please note that as COVID-19 numbers change, we may have to return to online services.

Vaccination Policy – As announced in last week’s pastoral letter from Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Diocese is introducing a policy that requires clergy, diocesan employees and volunteers, and parish employees and volunteers to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19, effective September 30th. The full policy is now available on the diocesan website (www.toronto.anglican.ca). We have contacted volunteers who are currently working on-site, and the list will expand later to include groups as they return to meeting in the church building.

Holly Bazaar: IMPORTANT UPDATE/CHANGE – Due to recent Diocesan guidelines regarding indoor capacity limits to keep everyone safe, the Bazaar Committee has decided to take the Holly Bazaar **online** again this year. The Virtual catalogue will be available on **Friday, November 19th** and the link will be included in the St. Martin’s weekly eblast on that day.

We will continue to accept donations of your gently-used treasures for the sale every Sunday after church (11 am) until October 31st – we do not need bottle boutique items. All the bakers can rest up one more year and we look forward accepting delicious treats NEXT YEAR.

Mark November 19th on your calendar, and happy online Christmas shopping!!

AWARE Virtual Retreat – AWARE (Anglican Women Alive Renewed Enriched) is hosting a virtual retreat for women on Saturday October 16, 10:30 AM - 12: 00 PM. For information or to register, please email Janet Tennant at janet@stgeorgesanglican.ca or visit www.awarepeterborough.com.

Wednesday Service on Zoom – Our midweek service will take place on Zoom on Wednesday at 10:15 am. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82287913027>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.
Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

Online Faith Formation – On Tuesdays at 7PM, from September 21st to October 26th, we are offering the program *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. During this six-week offering, participants are invited to draw close to the God revealed in and through Jesus by meditating on the words of a daily verse from John the Evangelist. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84589524279>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.
Meeting ID: 845 8952 4279

Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back at 12:30 PM on Zoom! Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.
Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

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