



St. Martin's Anglican Church

November 28, 2021

10:00 AM

The First Sunday of Advent

Greeters/Sidespersons: Art Slade, Elaine Watters

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.

Celebrant: The Rev. Shelly Pollard

Prelude *Prelude in F (Three Quiet Preludes)*, Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

Prayer for the Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sentence: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Opening Hymn 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1 & 7

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
And be for us the Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

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

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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading **Jeremiah 33.14-16**

Reader: Don Henderson

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25.1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most

earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading Luke 21.25-36

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is

already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

FaithWorks presentation

Peter Davidson

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: Don Henderson

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 88 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, vs. 1 & 4

Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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 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 5

Celebrant God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

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 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.**

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 96 Creator of the Stars of Night, vs. 1 & 5

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
Hear thou thy servants when they call.

To God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit, Three-In-One,
Praise, honour, might and glory be
From age to age eternally.

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fantasia on “Veni Emmanuel”*, Alec Rowley

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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 congregational 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.

Congregational singing has resumed – Effective the First Sunday of Advent, November 28th, 2021, congregational singing may resume. The wearing of masks and distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between households must continue to be strictly adhered to. Choristers need no longer be distanced by 4 metres from the congregation, but must maintain the standard distance of 2 metres both from the congregation and each other. The [Amber Stage Guidelines](#) have been updated to reflect this change.

AdventWord – For the eighth consecutive year, St. Martin's will be participating in the online global initiative AdventWord to gather prayers via an online Advent calendar. Forward Movement is offering meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, November 28th. To participate, do a daily check of their website advent.org and our St. Martin's Facebook page for our contributions of meditations, prayers and photos. AdventWord bookmarks are available at the back of the church.

****Change to Midweek Service this week on Zoom** – This week, our midweek service will take place on Zoom on **Tuesday, November 30th at 9:40 AM (NOT Wednesday at 10:15 AM)**. Please note the new date AND earlier start time! The Zoom link is the same: <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

Compline Service – We are offering Compline, a service of prayer for the close of the day, this Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm on Zoom. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81675804900>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.
Meeting ID: 816 7580 4900

Holly Bazaar – Saturday, December 4th, 2021, 9am – 1pm. Exciting news! Our Holly Bazaar will be in-person! We are in particular need of donations for our popular Bottle Boutique game (wine, dish/hand soap, condiments – anything that comes in a bottle!!). Today is the last day to bring in your donations after church. There WILL be a bake table. Volunteers will accept your delicious creations on Friday, December 3rd from 6 pm – 9pm.

Christmas Wish Tree – St. Martin’s Social Justice group has teamed up with **Dar’s Gifts from the Heart** to help a few people in our local community who are experiencing increased needs this Christmas season. We will be participating in the “Adopt-a-Family” and the “Adopt-a-Friend” initiative. Darlene has provided profiles of one family and two individuals. There will be a Gift Card Tree set up at the back of the church beginning on **Sunday, December 5**. If you wish to participate, please select a tag, shop for the gift card and then drop your purchase, including a gift receipt and the tag off at the church, no later than **Sunday, December 19**. If you find shopping difficult, you may consider a monetary donation to this initiative. Please join us as we help make this season a bit brighter for others in the community.

Family profile for “Adopt-a-Family”:

Single mom (she is battling cancer)

Son, 18

Daughter, 16

Son, 10

Daughter, 8

Individual profiles for “Adopt-a-Friend”:

Claudia (mid-40s)

- No family nearby; a lonely Christmas for her

Allan

- A kind and lonely man who would like a few treats and warm clothes to help brighten the season

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Mackay.

2021 Church Calendars – A limited number of calendars are available at the back of the church for \$7.

Silver Linings Newsletter – The Communication team is happy to announce the revival of the Silver Linings Newsletter! It will be sent out quarterly and the first edition will be published on Friday, December 10th. We would like to invite our St. Martin’s family to contribute to the positive vibes by submitting a clean joke, a blessing in your life, milestones, including photos of the occasion, a favourite recipe – anything that has brought

a smile to your face. You can send your submissions to Denise or Elaine by **December 1st**. We look forward to receiving all the good news you can send our way!

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

**Please note that there will be no coffee hour on December 5th, December 19th, or December 26th.

Advent and Christmas at St. Martin's, 2021

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| Tuesday, December 7th | 7 PM | Compline (on Zoom) |
| Thursday, December 16th | 7 PM | A Service of Comfort and Hope (in person and on Zoom) |
| Sunday, December 19th | 5:30 PM | Christmas Social (on Zoom) |
| Friday, December 24th | 7 PM | Christmas Eve service (in person) |
| Saturday, December 25th | 10 AM | Christmas Day service (in person) |
| Sunday, December 26th | 10 AM | First Sunday after Christmas service (in person) |

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