



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

May 29, 2022

10:00 AM

## Ascension Sunday

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It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Pickering, but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Métis Nation, continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Greeters/Sidespersons: John Loftus, Shirley Vasey

Celebrant: The Rev. Shelly Pollard

Prelude *Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn (BWV 630)*, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sentence: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

**Opening Hymn #247, vs, 1, 3, 6** Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!

Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
Yet he loves the earth He leaves: Alleluia!  
Though returning to His throne, Alleluia!  
Still he calls the world His own. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight Alleluia!  
Far above the starry height, Alleluia!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
Seeking Thee above the skies. Alleluia!

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God (sung)**

*All* **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.

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord.  
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of his peace,  
and bring the whole of creation  
to worship at his feet,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading Acts 1.1-11**

Reader: Alan May

A Reading from the Book of Acts:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 47 (sung)**

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

## **Second Reading Ephesians 1.15-23**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I

remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel Reading Luke 24.44-53**

*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 to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their

minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

The Rev. Shelly Pollard

**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: Enid Bournier

### **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 #405 vs. 1, 2, 4 Alleluia No. 1**

#### *Refrain*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation.

#### *Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen.

*Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

*Refrain*

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Eternal God,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ  
has promised to be with us until the end of time.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and renew us in his transfigured life;  
for the sake 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.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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 8**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All:* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All*            **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

### **The Communion**

**Agnus Dei (sung)**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace,  
give us your 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.*

**Communion Hymn #246** Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Saviour!  
Thou hast borne our sin and shame;  
by thy merit we find favour:  
life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
peace is made 'twixt us and God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;

highest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.

**Communion Hymn #84 vs. 1, 4, 5** Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly  
Splendour

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread!

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall forevermore remain,  
alleluia,  
Cleansing us from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

**Anthem** *Glory to the Lamb*, David Blackwell (b. 1961)

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.  
Confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through 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 #374, vs. 1, 2, 6**      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia!

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude *Toccata (Suite Gothique)*, Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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### *Announcements*

**Welcome!** – We are grateful to continue in-person worship together. We will still follow Diocesan guidelines, which currently include the mandatory wearing of masks (see below). Those who wish to maintain physical distancing during services may sit in a designated section. Please conduct a self screening before coming to church. Singing of hymns is permitted.

**Province of Ontario's mask mandates** – Although the Province of Ontario lifted mask mandates in most settings on March 21<sup>st</sup>, churches in the Diocese are still asked to follow the Spring Guidelines for the time being.

**Online Faith Formation: Lectio Divina** – Our online *Lectio Divina* with Rev. Shelly will take place on Zoom on four consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7 PM, beginning May 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to participate in any of the sessions. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81129682984>, or you may call **647 374 4685** or **647 558 0588** to participate by phone.

Meeting ID: 811 2968 2984

**Wednesday Service** – We have returned to in-person worship with Holy Eucharist (BCP) at 10:15 AM. All are welcome.

**Virtual Coffee Hour** – 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

**Lemonade on the Lawn** – Great news! We will return to having refreshments after the Sunday service with “Lemonade on the Lawn” beginning Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to sign up for the summer months to serve lemonade – no experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided. Please speak to Linda Strickland for more information.

**Silver Linings Newsletter** – The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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 by **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. We look forward to receiving all the good news you can send our way!

**Save the Date! – Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM.** It's never too early to start looking forward to fun summer events! St. Martin's will be hosting an in-person **Summer Lawn Sale** (rain or shine), so save the date posted above and tell your friends. We will accept donations of gently used treasures (no books or videocassettes please) on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10AM service, so please hold on to your donations until that date. We would also like to have a bake table, so stay tuned for more information about when to donate your delicious creations.

## **St. Martin's Anglican Church**

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