



St. Martin's Anglican Church

November 27, 2022

10:00 AM

1st Sunday of Advent

Greeters/Sidespersons: Helen Locke/Helen Farrar

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.

Celebrant: The Rev. Shelly Pollard

Prelude: *Chorale-Prelude on "Wachet auf" J.S. Bach(1685-1750)*
(BWV 645)

Sentence: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

Opening Hymn 89 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

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, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, great Lord of might.
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Celebrant: People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.

**All: Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and
for ever. Amen.**

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.

ALL: And also with you.

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading ISAIAH 2:1-5

Reader: Pat Dunill

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Sung by the Choir

PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading Romans 13: 11-14

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand for the Gospel

Gospel Reading MATTHEW 24:36-44

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the

flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: 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: Shirley Vasey

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.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 9-Today I Awake

Today I awake
and God is before me.
At night, I dreamt,
he summoned the day;
for God never sleeps,
but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold
or glory in grey.

Today I arise
and Christ is beside me,
He walked through the dark
to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive,
and beckons his people
to hope and to heal,
resist and invite.

Today I affirm
the Spirit within me
at worship and work,
in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires

all life which is changing
from fearing to faith,
from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy
the Trinity round me,
above and beneath,
before and behind;
the Maker, the Son,
the Spirit together –
they called me to life
and call me their friend.

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.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

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: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
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."

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,

now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour
and glory are yours,
creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and 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

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

All: **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.

All: **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:

All: **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.**

Communion Hymn 98 – Hark the Glad Sound, the Saviour Comes

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Choir Anthem: *The Advent Prose*

Plainsong

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.

All: 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.

All: Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn 114 – Lo, He Comes with Cloud Descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
All who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, on earth rejected,
Thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and the glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Improvisation*

Announcements

Welcome! – We are grateful to continue in-person worship together. We will still follow Diocesan guidelines, which currently include the optional wearing of masks however we do strongly recommend the wearing of masks. 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.

Donations for St. Paul on-the-Hill Community Food Bank - The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling the red wagon with your donations for the food bank. The number of families relying on support has grown exponentially over the last few months and food bank agencies are often overwhelmed with requests for help during the holidays – food insecurity should never be anyone’s reality. Please consider donating one or more items from the list below. An Outreach volunteer will take the donations to St. Paul on-the-Hill.

While all donations are appreciated, the items below are urgently needed:

Kraft Dinner
Oatmeal
Canned Tuna
Tea
Cooking Oil
Dried Beans

Breakfast Cereals
Canned Fruit
Small Containers of Instant Coffee
2kg of Granulated Sugar
Canned Baked Beans
Baby Wipes

December 18th - Save the Date – The in-person Christmas Potluck, Tree Trim, and Carol Sing, is back! Save the date: Sunday December 18th, at 5:30pm. More details to come.

12 Days of Christmas Signs - We are looking forward to a return of the singalong at the inperson Christmas Potluck this year but we need your help! We are missing a few of the iconic 12 Days of Christmas signs so if you have any at home, please return to the church as soon as possible. Thanks for your help!

Advent Study – Bishop Andrew Asbil has released a series of Advent Video Reflections. All are invited to view these videos at their convenience and join a discussion night on Tuesday evenings, on Zoom, at 7pm, beginning on November 29th. For those who do not have a computer, we can watch the videos together on Wednesday mornings at 11am, which will be followed by a short discussion time. The Wednesday meetings will begin on November 30th. Please speak to Rev. Shelly if you have any questions.

[Advent Study Zoom Link](#) [Advent One Video](#)

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to donate towards the Christmas flowers and make a dedication in honour of, or in memory of, loved ones, please speak to Anne Davidson (905-831-1368). The due date for this is December 18.

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE - St. Martin's Outreach Team is partnering with *Dar's Gifts from the Heart* again this year 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" initiative and Darlene has provided profiles of three families. There will be a Gift Card Tree set up at the back of the church beginning on **Sunday, November 27**. If you wish to participate, please select a tag, shop for the gift card or gift and then drop your purchase, including a gift receipt and the tag off at the church, no later than **Sunday, December 18**. 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.

Profile for Family Number 1

Single mom,
Son, 19
Daughter, 17
Son, 11
Daughter, 9

Profile for Family Number 2

Single Dad
Daughter, 9
Son, 6

Profile for Family Number 3

Single dad
Son, 11

Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM- Reserve sacrament will be available after the service.

Christmas & Advent Seniors Tea – Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 2:00 PM – If you would like to attend, please let the office know by December 6, 2023.

Advisory Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM. This meeting will be an in person held at the church.

Service of Comfort & Hope – Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the church

Christmas Eve Service – Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 7:30 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Church Calendars – The 2023 Canadian Church Calendars are on sale at the back of the church; the cost this year is \$7.00.

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The Rev. Shelly Pollard, Incumbent

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