



St. Martin's Anglican Church

January 29, 2023

10:00 AM

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Greeters/Sidespersons: Shirley V

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: Pavane *Robert Elmore (1913-1985)*

Sentence: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
Matthew 5.12

Opening Hymn 430-Will you Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant: Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Reader: Alan M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MICAH

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people,

and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Choir: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart.

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Choir: There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Choir: In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honours those who fear the Lord.
He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word,

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Choir: He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 1ST CORINTHIANS

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand for the Gospel

Choir: Alleluia! Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

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.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: 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: Moyah M.

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.

Moment of Silence

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 387- All Praise to Thee

All praise to thee, for thou. O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,
thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of steadfast love,
may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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: 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.

Sanctus

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**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Moment of Silence

Breaking of Bread

6-Incarnation

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

Agnus Dei

**All: 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.

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 87-Strength for Service

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamour never waken.

Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.

Choir Anthem: O For a Closer Walk with God *Charles Stanford (1852-1924)*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Source of all goodness,
in this eucharist
we are nourished by the bread of heaven
and invigorated with new wine.
May these gifts renew our lives,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus 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

383— Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Aus meinsHerzens Grunde (OP 65)

S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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Announcements

Mid-Week 10:15 AM Service – February 1, 2023 there will be a mid-week service of Holy Eucharist from the BCP.

Pancake Supper – Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Join us for pancakes, sausages, coffee, juice and dessert. This is a “pay what you can” event and all free will offerings are welcome and appreciated.

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023 – There will be two services on Ash Wednesday; 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM,

Mini-Sabbatical - Bishop Andrew and the College of Bishops granted a 10 day mini-sabbatical leave for clergy who served during the height of the COVID pandemic. Rev. Shelly is taking 5 of her days on February 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8. We give thanks and our warmest welcome to Rev. Janet Stephens who will be our guest preacher and celebrant on Sunday, February 5, 2023.

We will not have a mid-week service mid-week on Feb 8, 2023. Please contact the wardens for any pastoral emergencies.

Vestry 2023 – Feb 26, 2023 - Vestry will be immediately after the 10:00 AM Service. More details to follow. The Parochial List is posted at the back of the church; it contains the list of names of those eligible to vote at Vestry. Please contact the church office at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca if you have any questions.

Vestry Reports Due Sunday, Jan 29, 2023 – Vestry reports are due to the office no later than Sunday, January 29, 2023. Please email them to office@stmartinsanglican.ca. You do not have to wait until January 29, 2023 to submit the reports. Sharon will gratefully receive them as soon as they are ready. Many thanks to those who have already submitted their reports.

Movie Night February 10, 2023 – Come out and join us at the church on Friday, February 10 @7pm for our first Movie Night since before the pandemic. Bring a snack to share, and we will supply coffee and tea. This is a free event and all are welcome. Contact Lee Lynn for more information.

Black History Month Event – Wednesday, February 15, 2023 on Zoom – In 1880, Priceville, Ontario, one of Canada's first black settlements, had been a thriving Black community in the 1850s — full of hope and possibility - this community was essentially gone by the 1880s. And by the 1930s, any visible trace of a vibrant Black presence in Priceville had been literally plowed over.

Join us for a conversation as we explore the history of Priceville. Below are links to an article, video and short film (optional). The NFB short contains difficult language and subject matter; it is optional for the discussion, feel free to watch the film to learn more about Priceville. If you are concerned, please speak to Rev Shelly before watching the short film 'Speakers for the Dead'.

[CBC Radio Article on Priceville](#)

[CBC Video – Little Known Story of Priceville](#)

[National Film Board of Canada – Speakers for the Dead - optional](#)

Black History Month Service – Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Lenten Study – 5 Week Study – Preparing to Become the Beloved Community (From the Episcopal Church USA) – Rev Shelly will lead us in this 5 week study beginning on February 28, 2023 (on Zoom) at 7:00 PM and on March 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM (in person) after the 10:15 AM service.

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, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, canned fruit, canned tuna, small containers of instant coffee, tea, 2kg of granulated sugar, cooking oil, canned baked beans, dried beans, baby wipes.

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