



St. Martin's Anglican Church

January 8, 2023

10:00 AM

Epiphany

Greeters/Sidespersons: June H./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: A Sola Magnarum Urbium
(O More than Might Cities Known) *Gerald Near (b.1942)*

Sentence: We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him
Matthew 2.2

Opening Hymn 162- Sing of God Made Manifest

Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and King foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign--
dove-like Spirit, voice divine--
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

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: Eternal God,
who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 60:1-6**

Reader: David B.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea

shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Reading Ephesians 3: 1-12

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him..

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand for the Gospel

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired

of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel. '" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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: Selwyn N.

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 158-Earth Has Many a Noble City

Stuttgart

Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
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 is 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 156-The People That in Darkness Sat

Dundee

The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.

For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.

Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.

Choir Anthem: Wisemen Seeking Jesus

Jonathan Wilcox (b.1953)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: God of all the nations of the earth,
guide us with your light.
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.
May we welcome him with love,
for he is Lord now and for ever.

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

159– Brightest & Best

Stella Orientis

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid:
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion
odours of Edom and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Wie Schon leuchtet der Morgenstern (op.28) (How Brightly
Beams the Morning Star) *Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)*

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Epiphany Greetings

*Rev. Shelly and the Wardens would like to wish everyone
a Happy Epiphany!*

Announcements

Sunday School – Sunday, January 15, 2023– We look forward to church school happening on January 15, 2023 during the 10:00 AM service.

Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements – All submissions of announcements are due at the office by end of day on Tuesdays. Please email the office at office@stmartinsanglican.ca.

2023 Offertory Envelopes The 2023 envelopes are now available to pick up at the back of the church. If you do not have a set of envelopes, but would like one, please contact the church office at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca

Vestry 2023 – Save the Date - 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.

Mid-Week 10:15 AM Service – January 11, 2023 there will be a mid-week service of Holy Eucharist from the BCP.

Compline – Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM – This service of Compline will be held on Zoom.

Advisory Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM on Zoom; [Advisory Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 861 0422 7404 Passcode: 539411

Black History Month Event – Save the Date – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – More details to follow.

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

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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