



**July 30, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Greeters/Sidespersons: Art S. and Anne D.

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. Richard Newland

Sentence: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

*John 6:68*

### **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: O God,  
the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal,  
that we lose not the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading Genesis 29: 15-28**

Reader: Pat D.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve

with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 105:1-11, 45C**

Celebrant: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Celebrant: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.**

Celebrant: Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

**All: O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.**

Celebrant: He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world.

**All: He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations:**

Celebrant: The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,

**All: Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

Celebrant: Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."

**All: Hallelujah!**

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel*

**Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 31-33,44-52**

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.**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

The Rev. Richard Newland

**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: Sharon J.

### Confession & Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites us 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.**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: God of grace,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
as we look toward the glory you have promised.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who on this first day of the week  
overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In our unending joy  
we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven  
as we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

## **Sanctus**

**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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.**

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,



our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
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:** Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

**Celebrant:** and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
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 the Bread

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Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## THE COMMUNION

### Agnus Dei

**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, 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.**

### Prayer after Communion

*Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant: God of grace,  
we have received the memorial  
of the death and resurrection of your Son.  
May your love, poured into us,  
bring us to your promises.  
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

**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**

### **Dismissal**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **St. Martin's Anglican Church** **The Rev. Shelly Pollard (she/her), Incumbent**

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