



September 03, 2023

10:00 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters/Sidespersons: Marilyn D. and John L.

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: Praeludium I

JS Bach (1685-1750)

Sentence: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called
US. *See Ephesians 1:17, 18*

Opening Hymn 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The love of Jesus calls us
our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings
we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings,
unasked yet still received,
and for the generations,
who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us,
that we may always be
companions on a journey,
where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom
which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty,
And every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us
to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits,
to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us,
that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom,
Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators
in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women
may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice
may give God's kingdom birth.

CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us.
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Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
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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: Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 Exodus 3:1-15

Reader: Alan M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of

the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 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: Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

All: **The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;**

Celebrant: Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.

All: **He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

Celebrant: Hallelujah! R

Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

Reader: Shirley V

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28

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.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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: Enid B

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.

Offertory Hymn 435 Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever only, all for thee.

CP 435 Take My Life and Let It Be
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Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Merciful God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another
that your love may be made perfect in us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Lutheran Eucharistic Prayer

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: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

All: We praise you, O God.

Celebrant: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

All: We bless you, O God.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All: We thank you, O God.

Celebrant: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

All: Amen.

Source: "Prayers for Worship", *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2006), p. 67-68.

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**

CP 745 Lamb of God.

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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 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined,
we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed
if honoured be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

CP 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Almighty God,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk and dare to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

CP 450 You Call Us, Lord to Be

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Tune World Peace.

Author/Composer Sy Miller, Jill Jackson.

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*Welcome to our guest pianist Catherine Reidt.
Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us.*

*Rev Shelly and the Wardens would like to wish everyone
a blessed Labour Day Weekend*

Announcements

**New Announcement*

***September 5, 2023 – Church Office Hours** – The church office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM or by appointment. If the door is locked, please ring doorbell.

***September 6, 2023 - Mid-Week 10:15 AM Service** – All are welcome to join us for a midweek service of Holy Eucharist from the BCP and stay for refreshments.

***September 13, 2023 – Advisory Meeting at 7:00 PM** – This meeting will be held in person at the church.

September 17, 2023 – Sunday School - We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM Service. All are welcome!

***September 17, 2023 - WELCOME BACK SUNDAY** (formerly known as Steam-up Sunday) - The Social Committee is hosting Welcome Back Sunday on Sunday, September 17 after the church service. There will be a light lunch and the Committee/Ministry food competition will also take place – **so dust off your favourite recipes for salads – any kind!**

The food competition is between ministries and the lead of each ministry team enters a food based on a theme. This year it will be salads. All parishioners get to sample the offerings on the day of Welcome Back Sunday and there will be a blind vote to choose the winner. The winning ministry gets a small plaque added to the Steam-Up Trophy.

****Posters of the ministries will also be on display, so we ask the Chairs to please freshen them up if needed****

September, 23, 2023, 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM – Caribbean Cultural Event - St. Martin's is partnering with St. Paul's on-the-Hill Anglican Church to bring a taste of the Caribbean to Pickering on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2023, with a Caribbean Cultural Event at the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex.

Come and enjoy a delicious Caribbean dinner, Steel Pan by Winston " Pappy" Fredrick, Soca/Calypso/Reggae Artiste YELLOWS, DJ'd Dance with Marcus Ouja from Hype Zone, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Cash Bar.

TICKETS: \$70/pp

Get a tax deductible receipt for \$35!!

Discount pricing for tables of 8.

For tickets contact Lee, Denise, Debbie or Moyah or the church office at 905-839-4257 or email: office@stmartinsanglican.ca

****We will accept cash or e-transfer for tickets and for the Silent Auction.****

In aid of Outreach Programs at both churches.

***October 14, 2023 – Save the Date – Ministry Training Day** – Attention Greeters/Sidespeople, Altar Guild, Chalice Bearers, Readers, Intercessors, Projection Team, Recording Team and Servers, on Saturday, October 14, 2023 Rev Shelly will be leading a Ministry Training Day. As we come out of the pandemic and return to a new normal this is an opportunity to refresh our understanding of ministry roles. This is also an opportunity to ask Rev Shelly any questions you may have regarding ministry roles. **More details to follow.**

Update from Paddy McLoon - Thanks to your generous offerings from January to the end of June, St. Martin's will be donating \$500 to Durham Youth Services. This gift includes proceeds of the Loon Bank along with a top up of Outreach funds.

From July 1 to December 31, 2023, Paddy McLoon will be happy to continue to take your spare change with proceeds going to St. Paul's on-the-Hill Food Bank. Your donations will go a long way to help provide fresh grocery items, including milk and other nutritious items.

***Filing Cabinet Available** – At the back of the church there is a 4 drawer brown filing cabinet that is no longer required in the office. Anyone interested in this cabinet, please contact the church office at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca

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. An Outreach volunteer will take the donations to St. Paul on-the-Hill.

Grocery gift cards are always greatly appreciated. For a comprehensive list, please visit this link to [St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank](#).

November 18, 2023 - Holly Bazaar – Save the Date & Looking Ahead!

Holly Bazaar Donation Items - We know it's summer, but St. Martin's elves are already starting to make plans for the upcoming Holly Bazaar which will take place on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. The Bazaar will feature a Granny's Attic again this year. We would like to ask that those who are decluttering, downsizing, and simplifying your possessions to please think about donating to this successful feature of the Bazaar. Most items are acceptable but please **no clothing, books, or videotapes**. We would like to start accepting items in September, so if it is possible for you to hold on to your items until then, it would be greatly appreciated - details on donation drop off will be announced.

Bottle Boutique-Please also consider picking up non- perishable items for the Bottle Boutique over the summer. This popular game is a great money maker. It always has a lineup and runs out of items very quickly each year, well before the end of the bazaar.

We would like to concentrate on non-wine items during the summer like condiments: ketchup, mustard, vinegar, relish, BBQ sauce, oils, etc. (Please check best before dates to make sure the item will be good well into 2024). Items like liquid hand soap, dish soap, carbonated drinks, flavoured water, nail polish remover, shave cream, etc., are also good choices. In the fall we will make an appeal for higher valued items like wine.

A box will be left by the Food Bank wagon to collect your donations over the summer.

Thank you for your help in making our 2023 Holly Bazaar a success!

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

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