



September 24, 2023

10:00 AM

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters/Sidespersons: Tom W and Darlene W

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

Homilist: The Rev. Richard Newland

Prelude:

Sentence: Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

Opening Hymn 505 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

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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: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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 Exodus 16: 2-15

Reader: Don H

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

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 led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

All: Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

Celebrant: He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.

All: They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

Celebrant: He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

All: For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

Celebrant: So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.

All: He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,

Celebrant: That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: Alison S

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed

between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

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 said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now

when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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: Shirley V

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 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine Jesus Shine)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
everchanging from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

*CP 460-Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining
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Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

**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.**

*CP 732 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.
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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 the Bread

BAS 2

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 63 Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Any one who eats this bread,
will live for ever.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

P 63-Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
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Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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 565 Guide Me, O Great Jehovah
Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

CP 565-Guide Me, Thou Great Jehovah

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

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Announcements

**New Announcement*

***September 27, 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 24, 2023 – Sunday School** - We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM Service. All are welcome! Beginning September 17, 2023, Sunday School will be every Sunday during the 10:00 AM service.

***Caribbean Cultural Event – Thank You** to the many individuals who made this event happen. Thank you to the planning committee and everyone that participated and supported this awesome night in aid of outreach programs.

***Welcome Back Sunday – Thank you** to the Social Committee for arranging Welcome Back Sunday, the amazing food and to all the committees and their posters. We look forward to hearing which committee won the ‘Salad Competition’! For those that were not able to attend, the sign-up sheets will be available in the church for you to add your names. You can also contact the church office 905-839-4257 or email: office@stmartinsanglican.ca

October 3, 2023 Faith Formation Book of Philippians – Join Rev Shelly for a 6 week study on the Book of Philippians. Tuesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom and on Wednesdays at 11:15 AM.

Tuesdays 7:00 PM on Zoom: October 3, 10, 24, 2023 & November 7 & 14, 21, 2023 [Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 842 5912 4278 Passcode: 115943

Wednesdays 11:15 AM in Person: October 4, 11, 25, 2023 & November 8, 15, 22, 2023.

For more information speak to Rev Shelly or contact the church office at 905-839-4257 or email: office@stmartinsanglican.ca

October 14, 2023 – Save the Date – Ministry Training Day – Attention Greeters/Sidespeople, Altar Guild, Chalice Bearers, Readers, Intercessors, 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.**

October 28, 2023 – Save the Date – Crock-A-Doodle - The Social Committee will host a Crock-A-Doodle road trip on Saturday, October 28th, at 6:30 pm. Enjoy some hands-on creative time transforming ready-to-paint pottery pieces into your own amazing works of art at the Crock-A-Doodle studio in Pickering at 1822 Whites Road.

The price will range from \$30-\$45 depending on the item picked (mug or decorative plate), and is to be paid for on the day of the event. Please arrange your own transportation.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Greeters desk if you are interested in joining us, as well as brochures which explain more about Crock-A-Doodle.

For more details, contact Lee L. or the church office at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca .

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.

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!

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.

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

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