



St. Martin's Anglican Church

April 21, 2024

10:00 AM

4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome Team: Shirley V & 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

Guest Organist: Alexandra Weiss

Prelude: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Text: Joseph Medicott Scriven (1819-1886), alt.

Music: Charles Crozat (1832-1918).

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Sentence: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

John 10:14

Opening Hymn: 525 The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought us
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us,
and for our life he died.

Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one glorious name we hallow,
partake one holy food,
and to one hope we follow,
with every grace endued.

Though with dismay and wonder
we see the church oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union
with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

CP 525-The Church's One Foundation.

Text: Timothy Tingfang Lew (1891-1947), alt.

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

Glory to God: 365 Glory to God on High

Glory to God on High
and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.

We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.

Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord.

You only are most high.

You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one
in glorious light.

The Collect

Celebrant: O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

Reader: Don H

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Celebrant: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

Celebrant: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

All: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Celebrant: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

All: **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

Celebrant: Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Reader: Quita T

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Sing A New Creation

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sing A New Creation 192

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Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

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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 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: 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

CP 520-The King of Love my Shepherd Is.

Text: PS. 23 para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877).

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); desc David Wilcocks (1919-). Desc. @ Oxford University Press.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

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. Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-). ©1971, 1977
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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: As our Saviour taught us, let pray and sing,

All: Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.

*Text: BAS page 211. Music: Sibbick arr. Lambert.
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Moment of Silence

Breaking of Bread

8-Easter Season

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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: 444 Your Hand O God Has Guided

Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page.
Our forebearers owned your goodness
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord!

Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest and the least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the royal feast.
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one church, one faith, one Lord!

When shadows, thickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
And this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord!

And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise-
one church, one faith, one Lord!

Your Mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord!

CP 444-Your Hand O God Has Guided.

Text: Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821-1891), alt. Rev. © The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine.

Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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Choir Anthem: On Christ I Stand

Words by Edward Mote (1797-1874), music by Benjamin Harlan

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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: 513 Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

CP 513-Guide My Feet.

Text: African-American spiritual.

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Announcements

**New Announcement*

April 22 to 26, 2024 – Sharon will be away. Please contact Rev Shelly or the wardens if you require anything during this time. All announcements for this period need to be in the office by end of day on April 16, 2024.

***Sunday School – April 21, 2024** - We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM Service. All are welcome!

***Mid-Week Service – April 24, 2024 @ 10:30 AM-** All are welcome to join us for a BCP Communion Service and refreshments which follow.

April 30, 2024 – McEachnie Funeral Home Presentation at 7:00 PM in person. There is no obligation we simply wish to share some information that may not be widely known. Light refreshments will be served.

***May 1, 2024 - Advisory Meeting on Zoom** – The next Advisory Meeting will be held on Zoom May 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

[Advisory Meeting Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 861 0422 7404 Passcode: 880626

***May 25, 2024 – Save the Date - Multi-Location Garage Sale 8 AM – 12 PM** -The Fundraising Committee is organizing a multi-location garage sale taking place on Saturday, May 25 from 8am – 12 pm. Two locations will be in Pickering and one will be in Ajax. This event is in support of the important work that we all do at St. Martin's. There will be a flyer ready in the next couple of weeks to distribute to your friends and family. It will also be posted on the bulletin board and will include more details including the locations of the garage sales. We need your help with donations of gently used items including clothing, small furniture and books to sell. We are also looking for baked goods and volunteers to help before, during and after the event. We will be asking you to drop your donations off to the garage sale locations directly so please talk to one of our team members, Debbie C., Gillian, Denise, Lee, Pat D., Helen or David Be. and we will give you the addresses. You can also contact the church office.

Start your decluttering and we look forward to your support in helping make this event a success!

May 26, 2024 – Parish Workshop – Save The Date - Please join us after the 10:00 AM service for a fun and interactive workshop on what you love about St. Martin's as we expand our ministry. This workshop will be facilitated the Diocesan Congregational Development Team. **All are welcome** and a Light lunch will be provided. Rev Shelly encourages everyone to attend.

***April 23, 2024 - The Stewardship Committee-** Thank you to all who attended one of the stewardship presentations last week. There is one last opportunity to hear this very important and informative message on Tuesday April 23rd at 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to attend the presentation for a repeat performance is very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Doodle Poll – Worship Team members received an email from the office with a link from doodle.com. Please open the link and select from the list the dates you are available for the Sunday worship schedule by following the instructions. If you have any issues, please contact the church office.

Weekly Eblast – The weekly Eblast will now be distributed on Thursdays. Please contact the church office if you do not receive the weekly Eblast.

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](#).

Week @ a Glance SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE

April 18, 2024

11:30 AM Choir Practice; in person

April 20, 2024

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

April 21, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Service; in person & live streamed

10:00 AM Sunday School

April 23, 2024

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

7:30 PM Stewardship Committee Presentation; in person

April 24, 2024

10:30 AM Mid-week Service (BCP); in person

6:00 PM Scouts

April 25, 2024

11:30 AM Choir Practice; in person

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Plus

April 27, 2024

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

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

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Richard Newland

Rector's Warden: Rob Mackay

People's Warden: Moyah Morgan

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