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# St. Martin's Anglican Church

April 7, 2024

10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

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Welcome Team: June H & Art S

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:** The Doubter

David M. Stone, Guitarist

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Sentence: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

*John 20:29*

**Opening Hymn** 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
Healing every dread disease,

calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
praise the One who makes us one.

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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.

*CP 365 Glory to God on High.*

*Text: Glory to God (Gloris in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©.*

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## The Collect

**Celebrant:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen,  
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 Acts 4:32-35**

Reader: Enid B

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 133**

Celebrant: Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

**All: It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,**

Celebrant: Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**All: It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

Celebrant: For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. R  
Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All: Amen.**

**Second Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2**

Reader: Pat D

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands,



and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**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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**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: Peter D

## 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: 212 Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.  
Let songs of praise his triumphs tell:  
alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again,  
glorious in majesty to reign.  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee:  
alleluia!

*CP 212 Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er. Text: Latin (Finita jam, 17<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909).  
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adpt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).  
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### Prayer over the Gifts

**Celebrant:** God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through 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.**

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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.**

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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: 220 Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen**

Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
tell it out with joyful voice;  
Christ has burst his three days' prison:  
let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow;  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
all his woes are over now,  
and the Passion that he bore;  
sin and pain can vex no more.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen;  
he hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

*CP 220-Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen. Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.  
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## **Choir Anthem: All in the April Evening**

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## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant                      Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our  
hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may  
grow in love for you and for each other; through 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: 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.

*Text: Irish hymn (8<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1890-1931); vers. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.*

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## Dismissal

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

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

**Postlude:** United In Christ

**Mike Sutton, Trumpeter**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*\*New Announcement*

**\*April 11 to April 18, 2024 Rev Shelly will be on her winter break.** – While Rev Shelly is away, Rev Richard Newland, our Honorary Assistant will be available for pastoral emergencies. Please contact Rev Richard through the church office; [office@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:office@stmartinsanglican.ca) or 905 839 4257. Emails and phone messages will be monitored daily. Our answering machine will also have details on how to reach Rev Richard. For emergencies only you can reach Rev Richard directly at 905 706 2821.

Friendly reminder, Rev Shelly's day off is every Friday.

**\*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.

**\*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 is not be widely known. Light refreshments will be served.

**\*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.

**\*Sunday School – April 7, 2024** - We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM Service. All are welcome!

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

**\*The Stewardship Committee-** A St. Martin's reminder of the upcoming Stewardship presentations set for April 7, 2024 following the 10:00 AM service, Tuesday April 9, 2024 at 7:30 PM, and Thursday April 11, 2024 at 7:30 PM. Please attend as best you can in accordance with your personal invitation. If you can not attend on your invited date, or did not receive an invitation, you are very welcome to attend any one of the three dates above. If none of those are convenient, there will be a final presentation on Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM. We encourage everyone to attend what we feel is an important message.

**\*Doodle Poll** – Worship Team members will be receiving 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 received 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 4, 2024**

5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting; in person

5:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

**April 6, 2024**

5:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

**April 7, 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10:00 AM Service; in person & live streamed

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Stewardship Presentation; in person

**April 8, 2024**

7:00 PM Outreach Meeting; on Zoom

**April 9, 2024**

7:30 PM Stewardship Presentation; in Person

**April 10, 2024**

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

6:00 PM Scouts

**April 11, 2024**

11:30 AM Choir Practice; in person

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Plus; in person

7:30 PM Stewardship Presentation; in Person

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