



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

May 12, 2024

10:00 AM

Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day

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**Welcome Team:** June H 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

**Guest Flutist:** Gordon Ratcliffe

**Prelude:** Dance of the Blessed Sprites

Gordon Ratcliffe, Flutist

*By Christopher Willibald Gluck*

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**Sentence:** Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

*Matthew 28:19, 20*

**Opening Hymn: 379 Rejoice the Lord is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus, the judge, shall come  
And take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

*CP 379 Rejoice, the Lord is King.*

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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 God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring

the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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 1:1-11**

Reader: Tami M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 47**

Celebrant: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

**All: For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.**

Celebrant: He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

**All: He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Celebrant: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

Celebrant: For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

**All: God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.**

Celebrant: The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

**All: The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, God of all the earth; you have called us out of every people and nation to be a royal priesthood and citizens of your holy city. May our words of praise call the world to turn to the joy of fellowship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All: Amen.**

## **Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23**

Reader: David Bo

### A READING FROM ST. PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 Luke 22:44-53**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

*Sing A New Creation*

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## Homily

The Rev Shelly Pollard

## Musical Reflection: Meditation from Thais

Gordon Ratcliffe, Flutist

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## 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: 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

*CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun  
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## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; 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:** 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.**

## *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: 300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One-in-Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever three, and ever one,  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

*CP 300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

*Text: Latin (Angularis fundamentum, 7<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr, John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

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## Choir Anthem: I Have Felt the Hand of God

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### Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through 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: 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

*CP 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns.*

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## **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** Smile. Theme from "Modern Times"

Gordon Ratcliffe, Flutist

*Music by Charles Chaplin*

*Lyrics by John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Happy Mother's Day to Mothers, Grandmothers and those like Mothers to us*

**\*Sunday School – May 12, 2024** - We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM Service. All are welcome!

**\*Mid-Week Service – May 15, 2024 @ 10:30 AM-** All are welcome to join us for a BCP Communion Service and refreshments which follow.

**\*May 25, 2024 – Save the Date - Multi-Location Garage Sale 8 AM – 12 PM** - Save the date! The Fundraising Committee is hosting a multi-location garage sale on Saturday, May 25 from 8am – 12 pm. Please plan to attend and spread the word to your friends, family and neighbours. The locations to attend are; 1 Gregory Road, Ajax; 1513 Woodruff Crescent, Pickering; 501 Petticoat Lane, Pickering.

There is a flyer with all the details available to distribute to help spread the word! 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 to be dropped off at one of the above locations the night before the event and manpower to help before, during and after the sale.

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 B. to make arrangements. You can also call 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.

**\*June 16, 2024 – Save the Date – Strawberry Social after the 10:00 AM service. Details to follow.**

**\*Radio Play Auditions June 10 and 17, 2024 @ 7:30 PM** - for the Back Pew Players' production of It's a Wonderful Life, a radio-on-stage play will be held on Mondays June 10 and 17, at 7:30 pm, in the church. We need 8 men and 3 women, ideally, to play the roles of this delightful story. Auditions will involve a cold reading from the script. Rehearsals for the show will be on Mondays, from 7:30 pm to 9:30, beginning on September 9, with the show being held on Saturday, December 7. If you have questions speak to either Denise or Lee.

**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*

**May 9, 2024**

11:30 AM Choir Practice; in person  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Plus; in person

**May 10, 2024**

Casa Montessori – all day

**May 11, 2024**

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

**May 12, 2024 – Ascension Sunday & Mothers' Day**

10:00 AM Service; in person & live streamed  
10:00 AM Sunday School

**May 14, 2024**

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

**May 15, 2024**

10:30 AM Mid-week Service (BCP); in person  
6:00 PM Scouts

**May 16, 2024**

11:30 AM Choir Practice; in person

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

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Richard Newland  
Rector's Warden: Rob Mackay  
People's Warden: Moyah Morgan  
Deputy Wardens: David Bevan & Art Slade  
Parish Administrator: Sharon Jones, ODT (she/her/hers)  
Music Director: Alexandra Weiss  
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