



St. Martin's Anglican Church

September 8, 2024

10:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Team: June H, Darlene and Tom 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

Prelude: He Will Hold Me Fast

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Sentence: Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4.23

Opening Hymn: 355 All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise, and cast on God your care:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O sing now, alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

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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: Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
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 PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Reader: Alan M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 125

Celebrant: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

All: The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

Celebrant: The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

All: Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

Celebrant: As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, or be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Second Reading JAMES 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Reader: Don H

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and

one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 MARK 7:24-37

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then

looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Moment of Silent Reflection

Commissioning and Blessing of The Lay Anointers

The Lay Anointers gather at the front of the sanctuary.

Celebrant: Friends in Christ,
we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body,
and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.
Today we recognize and affirm the ministry of lay anointing for
which Michelle and Sharon have offered themselves.

Celebrant: Michelle and Sharon, you have been called to this ministry.
Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with
care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

Anointers: I will.

Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Celebrant: Will you uphold Michelle and Sharon in this ministry?

People: We will.

The Priest blesses the lay anointers, saying:

Priest: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
our creator and redeemer.
In every age you call people to minister in your name.
May the work of your servants, Michelle and Sharon,
so build up your Church,
that we may faithfully serve you
and show your love in all the world.
Blessed are you, O God,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

Priest anoints the lay anointers, saying:

Celebrant: Through this holy anointing,
may the Lord in his love and mercy uphold you
by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

A symbol of anointing is presented to lay anointers, the Priest saying,

Priest: Receive this oil, to bring Christ's healing into the world.

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

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 572 Let There Be Light

Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;

open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;

perish the sword,
perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger,

perish the fight for gain;
hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy Spirit turn to language,
thy people speak together,
thy Spirit never fade;
let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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. 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 (Sung)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let pray and sing,

**All: Our Father in heaven hallowed be thy name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

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: 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

O God, unseen yet ever near,
your presence may we feel;
and thus, inspired with holy fear,
around your table kneel.

Here may your faithful people know
the blessings of your love,
the streams that through the desert flow,
the manna from above.

We come, obedient to your word,
to feast on heavenly food;
to eat the body of the Lord,
and drink his precious Blood.

O living Bread, enduring Vine,
your words we shall obey,
and go, renewed with strength divine,
rejoicing on our way.

CP 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near
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Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

*CP 430 - Will You Come and Follow Me.
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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: You Raise Me Up

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St. Martin's Weekly Announcements – 2024

**New Announcement*

Sunday School - Sunday School is every Sunday during the 10:00 AM service. All are welcome!

Mid-Week Service Resumes

Join us for our BCP mid-week service on September 11th at 10:30am. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

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

UPDATE FROM PADDY MCLOON

From July 1 to December 31, 2024, Paddy McLoon will be happy to accept your spare change with proceeds going to Luke's Place. To find out more about this charitable organization, please click on the link provided. [Luke's Place Resource Centre for Women and Children \(lukesplace.ca\)](http://lukesplace.ca).

Thank you for your continued support!

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](#).

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 - OUTREACH SUNDAY PRESENTATION

On Sunday, September 29th at 10am during the time of homily, there will be a presentation from the St. Martin's Outreach Committee. A light lunch will be served after

the service and the Outreach team will be available to chat and answer your questions.

Pickering in Bloom Garden of Distinction

The Stewards of Creation and the Garden Team are excited to announce that the St. Martin's Gardens are getting into the community spirit by taking part in the Pickering Blooms Garden of Distinction contest. Head over to [Pickering Blooms | Let's Talk Pickering](#) and as you scroll through photos of the beautiful gardens, you will see us there under "St. Martin's". Instructions for voting are on the website and begin on September 6.

SAVE THE DATE: Welcome Back Sunday, September 15 after the 10am service

*This year's Ministry food competition will be Dessert Pie (any kind). Which ministry's culinary masterpiece will win this year?

*NEW: There will be a judged Ministry poster competition this year, so take time over the summer to refresh your posters to reflect what your ministry is all about.

Old posters will be available for pickup in August.

For more information contact Lee L.

SAVE THE DATE: Faith formation

September 24th - October 29th 7pm on Zoom, Wednesdays in Person at 11:30am. Details to follow.

HOLLY BAZAAR- NOVEMBER 16, 2024 - 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 16 from 9am-1pm. 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 2025). 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.

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 2024 Holly Bazaar a success!