



St. Martin's Anglican Church
November 24, 2024
10:00 AM
Last Sunday after Pentecost
Anointing

Welcome Team: Ellen C, Elaine 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 Reverend Shelly Pollard

Prelude: Rise and Shine

*Words and Music by Austin Davis, Mitch Wong and Jessica Soccorsi.
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Sentence: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! *Mark 11.9, 10*

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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open,

**all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

All: **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 SAMUEL 23:1-7

Reader: Pat D

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting

covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 132:1-13

Celebrant: Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured;

All: How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

Celebrant: "I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb up into my bed;

All: I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber;

Celebrant: Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

All: "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Celebrant: Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

All: Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

Celebrant: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

All: For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

Celebrant: The Lord has sworn an oath to David; in truth, he will not break it:

All: "A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne.

Celebrant: If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

Gracious God, you have taught us in our Saviour Jesus Christ that you are present wherever there is love, and that two or three who gather in his name are citizens of your eternal city. Feed us with the bread of life, that we may grow to recognize in every human heart a sign of your presence and an opportunity to serve you. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading REVELATION 1:4B-8

Reader: Peter D

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 18:33-37

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

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

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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: 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

Please stand as you are able

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay:
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest:
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

CP 374-Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
You exalted him as Lord of all creation
that he might present to you
an eternal and universal kingdom;
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
as heaven and earth 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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your
people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all
in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, 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: 60 I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

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Special Music

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this 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: **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.

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Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Total Praise

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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

Join us for our BCP mid-week service Wednesdays 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](http://St.Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank).

***CHRISTMAS WISH INITIATIVE**

The St. Martin's Outreach Team is partnering with Durham Youth Services (DYS) to help youth in our local community who are experiencing increased needs this Christmas season. You can participate by taking a tag (or two!) from the Gift Board. The tags will be available over the next several weeks and will be displayed on the decorated bulletin board near the accessible washroom. If you wish to participate, please select a tag, shop for the gift card or gift and then drop your purchase, including a gift receipt and the tag off at the church, **no later than Sunday, December 8**. If you find shopping difficult, you may consider a monetary donation to this initiative. Please join us as we help make this season a bit brighter for young people experiencing housing and other challenges.

CHRISTMAS VENDOR MARKET

Saturday, November 30th 2024 from 10am–2pm

Spread the word about another exciting Christmas event!

Tell your neighbours, friends, and family and please join us at St. Martin's for our popular Christmas Vendor Market featuring over 20 local artisans and businesses. Check off your Christmas gift list and join in the fun!

*** Christmas In Advent Tea Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 2:00 PM** – If you would like to attend, please let the office know by December 5, 2024 at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca.

***Christmas Flowers** - If you would like to donate towards the Christmas flowers and make a dedication in honour of, or in memory of, loved ones, please speak to Anne D. or contact the church office at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca. A Christmas Flower envelope is also available at the Welcome Desk. All requests are **due on or before December 15, 2024**.

***Meeting after Sunday Service on Nov 24th**

There will be a meeting after the service on Nov 24th for members of the Altar Guild, Chancel Guild and Servers.

*** Messy Church, December 14th 2024 from 2-4pm.** Come for an afternoon of fun for the whole family! We will have crafts and games, snacks and a story! Alternatively, if you would like to help, speak to Rev. Shelly for more information.

***2025 Church Christmas Calendars** – The 2025 Church Calendars are here. The cost this year is \$7.00.

***Christmas Communion** - If you are unable to attend the Christmas in Advent Tea or Christmas Services and you would like to receive Christmas Communion, please contact the church office before December 19, 2024 and Rev Shelly will make arrangements with you.

Winter Flowers Fundraiser:

With the success of the Vandermeer Nursery Spring Fundraiser, St. Martin's will be taking part in the Vandermeer Nursery Winter Fundraiser

You can now order locally grown seasonal plants and gift cards in time for Christmas and support St. Martin's at the same time – a portion of your money spent will go back to our church. Money that we raise will go towards our general operating fund which supports many initiatives and programs within our church! No order is too small! Every order counts!

Please take an order form from the Welcome table and fill it out with orders from you, your family, friends and co-workers. Bring back the completed totals form, and your payment to the church (cash or cheque payable to St. Martin's Anglican Church) by **Sunday, December 1st.**

Your purchases will be available for pickup at the church on Saturday **December 14th between 10am and noon**, or after church on **Sunday December 15th.**

Please contact Debbie C or Lee L for more information.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE RADIO PLAY – Saturday, December 7th at 7pm

Join the Social Committee as we get into the holiday spirit with the St. Martin's Back Pew Players as they Present "It's A Wonderful Life" Radio Play, directed by Rev. Richard Newland. There will be a reception pre-theatre featuring Sweet and Savoury treats, and a wine and beer Cash Bar. Tickets for the evening are \$25 per person with reserved seating, so there is no need to arrive early to get a good seat. Please speak to Lee L for more information and to purchase tickets.