



St. Martin's Anglican Church
December 1, 2024
10:00 AM
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome Team: John L, Darlene W

Chalice Bearers: Michelle L, Ellen C

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: For Advent

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Sentence: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.28

Opening Hymn: 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

CP 88-Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

All: **Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

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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.**

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Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

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The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 **JEREMIAH 33:14-16**

Reader: Quita T

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

Celebrant: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

All: Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Celebrant: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

All: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Celebrant: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

All: Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

Celebrant: He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All: All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Celebrant: God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Second Reading 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Reader: David Bo

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Music: Melody Caribbean trad.; arr John L. Bell, 1990

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Gospel Reading LUKE 21:25-36

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for

the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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: Moyah M

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: 96 Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst in love's redeeming power,
like bridegroom from his chamber, come
forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son
and God the Spirit, Three-In-One,

praise, honour, might and glory be
from age to age eternally.

*CP 96 Creator of the Stars of Night.
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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 5

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,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world

and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
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: We give you thanks and praise, loving God,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.**

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

**Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,**

saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

Celebrant: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread, and share in the life
of the family of your children.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and
for ever.

All: People Glory to you for ever and ever. 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: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All: Happy are those who are called
To the supper of the Lamb.**

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: 61 As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to you word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

CP 61-As We Gather at Your Table.

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of 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: 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty Of Holiness

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them

in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his name!

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: O Come, O Come Immanuel

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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.

***Episcopal Visit: The Rt. Rev Riscylla Shaw** will be visiting our parish on **December 15th** and she will be celebrating and preaching at our 10am service.

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!

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.

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**.

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.

***CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

Join the Social Committee on **Sunday, December 15 @5:30pm** for our annual Christmas Potluck. Bring your own plates, cups, cutlery, as well as your favourite Entrée **OR** Side Dish **OR** Salad **AND** a **small** dessert to add to our meal. Coffee, tea, water, juice boxes will be provided. Then enjoy trimming the tree, a carol sing-along, and a visit from Santa! Bring your friends and family – ALL ARE WELCOME! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can contact the church office and you will be added to the list.

***The Christmas Story & VIVA Sing-along**

On **Sunday December 22nd** after the morning service, stay for a light lunch, and a moving, musical version of The Christmas Story performed by Matthew Vilord, and then a sing-along led by the VIVA Seniors Choir. This is a FREE event. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, as we will need to have an accurate count to provide lunch.

Contact Lee L. 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.