



St. Martin's Anglican Church

January 5, 2025

10:00 AM

The Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome Team: David Bo, Art S

Chalice Bearers: Rob, Anne D

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: O Holy Night

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Sentence: We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Matthew 2.2

Opening Hymn: 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored;

Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

CP 138 -Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.

Text: Charles Wesley (1701-1788), alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847); adapt. William Hayman Cummings (1831-1915); altern. Harm. David Willcocks (1919-) Altern. harm. © 1961 Oxford University Press. *CCLI Licence #11469691*

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.**

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-) ©.

Music: John Darwall (1731-1789).

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The Collect

Celebrant: Eternal God,
 who by a star
 led wise men to the worship of your Son.
 Guide by your light the nations of the earth,

that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 ISAIAH 60:1-6

Reader: Pat M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-4

Celebrant: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

All: That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

Celebrant: That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

All: He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Celebrant: He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

All: He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

Celebrant: In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

All: The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

Celebrant: All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

All: For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

Celebrant: He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

All: He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Celebrant: O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and, all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Second Reading EPHESIANS 3:1-12

Reader: Alison S

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was

given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Please stand in body or in spirit 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 MATTHEW 2:1-12

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall

come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel. " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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: Sharon J

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 in body or in spirit

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 155 From East to West, from Shore to Shore V1-2 6,7

From east to west, from shore to shore,
Let every heart awake and sing
the holy child whom Mary bore,
the Christ, the everlasting King.

Behold! The world's creator wears
The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our Maker shares,
his fallen creatures now to save.

And while the angels in the sky
sang praise above the silent field,
to shepherds poor the Lord most high
the one great Shepherd, was revealed.

All glory for his blessed morn
to God, the source of all is due;
all praise to you, O Virgin-born;
all praise, O Holy Ghost, to you.

*CP 155 – From East to West, from Shore to Shore.
Text: Caelius Sedulius (5th cent.?); tr John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.
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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of all peoples.
Therefore with angels and archangels
we raise our voices in joyful praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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 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, Creator, 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 us 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 6

Celebrant: We break this bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
bring us to light and life.**

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.

Music: Becket Gerald Senchur (1946-).

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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: 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

Of eternal love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

At his Word the words were framed.
He commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean
in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining
of the moon and burning sun,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Savior of our race,
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long expected;
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

*CP 132 -Of Eternal Love Begotten.
Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
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Special Music: Love Came Down at Christmas

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God of all the nations of the earth,
guide us with your light.
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.
May we welcome him with love,
for he is Lord now and for ever.

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: 162 Sing of God Made Manifest

Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and King foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign--
dove-like Spirit, voice divine--
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;

further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

CP 162-Sing of God Made Manifest.

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Joy To The World

CP154-Joy to the World Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Melody George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. William Holford,

Voce de Melodia, 1835; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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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!

No Mid-Week Service On January 1st

There will be no mid week service this week. Our mid week service will resume on Wednesday January 8th.

UPDATE FROM PADDY MCLOON

Thanks to your generous offerings from July 1 to the end of December, St. Martin's will be donating \$500 to Luke's Place. This gift includes proceeds of the Loon Bank along with a top up of Outreach funds. From January 1 to July 31, 2025, Paddy McLoon will be happy to continue to take your spare change with proceeds going to Y's WISH Shelter in Oshawa.

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](#).

Holiday Office Hours

The office will be **open** on **Dec 23rd** from **9am – 5pm** and **closed Dec 24th to Jan 1st** and will **reopen** on **Jan 2nd**. There will **no** mid week service on **Jan 1st**. Mid week service will resume on Jan 8th.

Parish Workshop on Jan 18th at 9:30AM

We continue with our strategic plan work. Don't miss this important workshop on **January 18th at 9:30AM**. Lunch will be provided.

***Advisory Board Meeting Jan 22nd**

There will be an advisory board meeting on Wednesday January 22nd at 7pm on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86104227404?pwd=UjJCL25LdFo0UjZOaHFRbGpQcE5lQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 0422 7404

Passcode: 880626

***Messy Church**

Messy Church will be on January 25th at 10AM-11:30AM. Come for a morning 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.

Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on **February 23rd after the morning service**. We need **Vestry reports by January 21st**. The reports will be received "**as is**" with no edits or corrections.