



St. Martin's Anglican Church
December 22, 2024
10:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Anointing

Welcome Team: Marilyn D, Anne D

Chalice Bearer: Gail H, Ellen

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: Go Tell It On the Mountain

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Sentence: I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

Luke 1.38

Opening Hymn: 362 Tell Out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

CP 362-Tell Out, My Soul.

Text: Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-56); para. Timothy Dudley-Smith(1926-).

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: People of God: prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is one with us in Christ. Maranatha!

All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Celebrant: God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth. Maranatha!

All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Celebrant: God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made. Maranatha!

All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Celebrant: We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ. Maranatha!

All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

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.**

707 Trisagion

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

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

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The Collect

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
now fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may embrace your will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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 MICAH 5:2-5A

Reader: Sharon J

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MICAH

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7

Celebrant: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

All: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Celebrant: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

All: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

Celebrant: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

All: You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Celebrant: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake

us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name.

All: Amen.

Second Reading HEBREWS 10:5-10

Reader: Elaine W

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 LUKE 1:39-55

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was

filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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: Peter D

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
 God is steadfast in love
 and infinite in mercy;
 he welcomes sinners
 and invites us to his table.
 Let us confess our sins,
 confident in God's forgiveness.

Moment of Silence

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us, that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand in body or in spirit

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 117-Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,

she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

CP 117- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.

Text: St.1-2, German (15th cent.); tr Theodore Baker (1851-1934).

St.3 Fredrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925).

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Gracious God,
by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 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 5

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.

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: 80 We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus

We hail thee now oh Jesus;
thy presence here we own,
through sight and touch have failed us,
and faith perceives alone.

We hail thee now, O Jesus;
in silence hast thou come,
for all the hosts of heaven
with wonderment are dumb –
so great the condescension,
so marvellous the love,
which for our sakes, O Saviour,
have drawn thee from above.

We hail thee now, O Jesus:
for law and type have ceased,
and thou in each communion
art sacrifice and priest.
We make this great memorial
in union, Lord, with thee,
and plead thy death and passion
to cleanse and set us free.

We hail thee now, O Jesus;
for death is ever near,
and in thy presence only

it terrors disappear,
and guide us through the night,
till shadows end in glory,
and faith is lost in sight.

CP 80-We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus.

Text: Fredrick George Scott (1861-1944, alt.

Music: Fredrick Charles Maker (1844-1927).

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Special Music: To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Faithful God,
in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary,
be obedient to your will.
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: 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
came with peace from realms on high.
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia!
came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care.
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heartfelt prayer,
alleluia, alleluia!
comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven.
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory:
let us then our homage pay,
alleluia, alleluia!
till the dawn of endless day..

CP 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring.

Text: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.

Music: Melody Jogn Francis Wade (1711-1786);

Harm, attrib. Francis Vincent Novello (1781-1861), alt.

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Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Christmas Time Is Here (from a Charlie Brown Christmas)

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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**

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](#).

***Anointing** - We will offer the sacrament of anointing for those who would like on Sunday December 22nd at our 10am service.

CHRISTMAS WISH INITIATIVE

The Outreach Committee and Durham Youth Services want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Christmas Wish Initiative. The gifts have been delivered and the Christmas season shines brighter

because of your generosity.

Compline on December 19th at 7pm on Zoom.

Zoom Link- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87084022492?pwd=16LDCmhYCuTH4xsZRYFr0c3iHbM7Dw.1>

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.

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.

***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.