



**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
**December 25, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Christmas Day**

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Welcome Team: Elaine W, Anne D

Chalice Bearer: Gail H

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:** Do You Hear What I Hear

Words and Music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne. Arr. by Craig Curry.  
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**Sentence:** I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

*Luke 2.10-11*

**Opening Hymn: 139      The First Nowell V1, V2, V6 only**

The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star

shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who has made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood salvation bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

*CP 139-The First Nowell.*

*Text: English trad.*

*Music: Melody English trad. (17<sup>th</sup> cent?), alt.; arr. John Stainer.*

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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.**

**Glory To God 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). CCLI Song # 5683022*

## **The Collect**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.  
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity,  
and now 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 57:7-10**

Reader: Elaine W

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF ISAIAH

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 97**

Celebrant: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**All: Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

Celebrant: A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

**All: The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**

Celebrant: The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.**

Celebrant: Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord.

**All: For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

Celebrant: The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**All: Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

Celebrant: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

Celebrant: Almighty God, your whole creation declares your glory. May we perceive you in all your works and live in the light of your righteousness, through him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Second Reading Hebrews 1 :1-4**

Reader: Alison S

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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*

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

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## **Gospel Reading John 1:1-14**

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.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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** Litany 13-Incarnation

Intercessor: William M

Intercessor: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe,  
saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

Intercessor: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel,  
hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

### **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: 137 What Child is This**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;

let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

*CP 137-What Child is This.*

*Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).*

*Music: Melody English Trad.; arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871, alt.*

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### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: God of Peace,  
your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.  
May all we offer you today  
renew us as members of your household.  
We ask this in his name.

**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;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the mystery of his incarnation  
was made perfect man  
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;  
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven,  
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

## **Sanctus**

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*CP 732 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-). ©1971, 1977  
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**Celebrant:** 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."

**All:** Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**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 6 Incarnation*

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

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of 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: 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts**

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,  
true source of life, our lives sustain;  
from the best bliss that earth imparts,  
we turn unfilled to you again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;  
you rescue those who on you call:  
to those yet seeking, you are good;  
to those who find you, all in all.

We taste of you, the living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still.  
We drink from you, the fountainhead,  
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

Our restless spirits long for you,  
however may our lot be cast,  
glad when your gracious smile we view,  
blessed when our faith can hold you fast.

Jesus, forever with us stay:  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away;  
shed through the world your holy light.

*CP 70 -Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts.  
Text: Latin (Jesu, dulcedo cordium, 12<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Alt.  
Music: Henry Percy Smith (1825-1887).  
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### **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: Father of all,  
the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.  
May he who made us your children.  
welcome us into your kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns with you 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: 154 Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found,  
far as our sin is found,  
far as, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

*CP154-Joy to the World*

*Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.*

*Music: Melody George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt.*

*William Holford, Voce de Melodia,*

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## **Dismissal**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: The First Noel

*CP 139-The First Nowell. Text: English trad.  
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**Christmas Greetings**

*Rev. Shelly and the Wardens would like to wish everyone  
a Merry and Blessed 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!

**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 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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](#).

#### **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.

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

#### **Holiday Office Hours**

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

#### **Parish Workshop on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**

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