



St. Martin's Anglican Church
December 29th, 2024
10:00 AM
First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome Team: Art S, John L

Chalice Bearers: Michelle L, Shelley M

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: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the world of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3.15, 16

Opening Hymn: **143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;

yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

*CP 143-Angels, from the Realms of Glory.
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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.**

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.
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Celebrant: Almighty God,
you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26

Reader: David Bo

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Celebrant: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

All: Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Celebrant: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

All: Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Celebrant: Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

All: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Celebrant: Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Celebrant: Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Celebrant: Young men and maidens, old and young together.

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

Celebrant: He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Reader: Pat M

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through 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 LUKE 2:41-52

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Sing A New Creation

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Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Homily:

The Rev Shelly Pollard

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Selwyn N

Confession & Absolution

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

Moment of Silence

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

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

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 126 Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus -- look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God of light,
 in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
 May we who share in this mystery
 grow daily in your love.
 This we ask 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;
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of salvation
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
we lift our voices
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

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

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

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let 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 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 the 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.

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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: 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

'Twas in the moon of winter-time
when all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
And wandering hunters heard the hymn:
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
 in excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round.
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
 in excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
 in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,
beloved of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace and joy:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.

CP 146 - 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime.
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Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Source of truth and joy,
 may we who have received the gift of divine life
 always follow the way of your Son.
 This we ask 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: 153 Good Christians All, Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now!
 Christ is born today;
 Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!
 Christ was born for this;
 Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!
 Christ was born to save;
 Christ was born to save!

*CP 153-Good Christians All, Rejoice.
Text: German-Latin carol (14th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: Melody Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1533; harm.
Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856); arr. John Stainer (1840-1901).
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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Feliz Navidad

*Arr. by Craig Curry. Music and Lyrics by Jose Feliciano.
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St. Martin's Anglican Church
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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](#).

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 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.

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.