



**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
**January 12, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

Welcome Team: David Be, Elaine W

Chalice Bearers: June H, 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:** An Epiphany Prelude

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**Sentence:** A voice came from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

*Matthew 3.17*

**Opening 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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## **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.**

### **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

### **The Collect**

Celebrant: Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
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 43:1-7**

Reader: Sharon J

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in

exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 29**

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Celebrant: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice, the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

Celebrant: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**All: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Celebrant: The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**All: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.**

Celebrant: And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**All: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

Celebrant: The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Celebrant: God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Second Reading ACTS 8:14-17**

Reader: Quita T

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22**

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**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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*

**Special Music: Speak, My Heart**

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## **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: 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty**

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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### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.  
Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.

**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;  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,  
to show forth your glory in all the world.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the holy people  
who have served you in every age,  
we raise 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 pray us 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:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

### **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:            649   Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Breathe on me, breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

*CP 649-Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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**Anthem:                    Rain Down**

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**Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant:            Gracious God, lover of all,  
                              by this sacrament  
                              you make us one family in Christ your Son,  
                              one in the sharing of his body and blood,  
                              one in the communion of his Spirit.  
                              Help us to grow in love for one another  
                              and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
                              We ask this in his name.

**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: 527 How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,

and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not--I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never--no, never--no, never forsake!"

*CP 527 How Firm a Foundation.  
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**Dismissal**

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Climb Every Mountain

*From the Sound of Music  
1953 Composer Richard Rodgers, Lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II.  
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## **St. Martin's Weekly Announcements – 2025**

*\*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](#).

### **Advisory Board Meeting Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

There will be an advisory board meeting on Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **\*Date Change Alert! Parish Workshop on February 8th at 9:30AM**

We continue with our strategic plan work. Don't miss this important workshop on **February 8th at 9:30AM**. Lunch will be provided.

### **\*SAVE THE DATE: Saturday February 15th @5:30pm for a Mardi Gras Event** put on by the Social Committee.

Tickets are \$25 each and include a Cajun inspired dinner, games, dj'd music, door prizes, and special entertainment by Matthew Vilord who performed the Christmas Story at St. Martin's in December. There will be a CASH bar. Plan for a fun evening out and Invite your friends and family. Dressing up is encouraged! Contact Lee L for tickets or more information.

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