



St. Martin's Anglican Church

February 9, 2025

10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Black History Month Service

Welcome Team: Shirley V, David Be

Chalice Bearers: Michelle L, Sharon J

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

Guest Soloist: Denise Williams, Soprano

Preludes: Oh, What a Beautiful City!

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African American Spiritual. Arranged by Edward Boatner.*

Even So

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Sentence: I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8.12

Opening Hymn: 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel,

Healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

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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: Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading **ISAIAH 6:1-8**

Reader: Pat D

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is

blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

Celebrant: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

All: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;

Celebrant: For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

All: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

Celebrant: All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

All: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Celebrant: Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe, you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

Celebrant: The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

God of creation and fulfillment, help us to seek and discover your purposes, that we may become willing instruments of your grace, and that all world may come to love and praise your name, in the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Reader: David Bo

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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Homily:

The Rev Shelly Pollard

Moment of Silent Reflection

Special Music: Come Sunday: from Spiritual from Black, Brown and Beige

Music by Duke Ellington. Adapted by Lawrence Rosen.

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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: Moyah M

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: 513 Guide My Feet

Guide my feet
while I run this race.
Guide my feet
while I run this race.
Guide my feet
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand
while I run this race.

Hold my hand
while I run this race.
Hold my hand
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me
while I run this race.
Stand by me
while I run this race.
Stand by me
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child
while I run this race.
I'm your child
while I run this race.
I'm your child
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart
while I run this race.
Search my heart
while I run this race.
Search my heart
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet
while I run this race.
Guide my feet
while I run this race.

Guide my feet
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home,

making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and saying:

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 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

*Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer,
Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services, c. 2001 The Anglican Church of Canada*

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 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: 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,

for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to us approacheth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!"

*CP 48 Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
Text: The Liturgy of St. James: James; tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885).
Music: French carol (17th cent.).
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Anthem: I've Known Rivers

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Eternal God,
in you we find peace beyond all telling.
May we who share in this heavenly banquet

be instruments of your peace on earth,
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: 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,

to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

*CP 350 - Stand Up and Bless the Lord
Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music : Aaron Williams (1731-1776).*

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

*Traditional Spiritual. Arranged by Mark Hayes.
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Guest Soprano Denise Williams – Soprano Denise Williams, a 30-year veteran of the concert, opera, and theatre stage, has electrified audiences from Canada to Cuba, and many points in between. Moving effortlessly between vocal styles, she has worked with The Nathaniel Dett Chorale, The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, Mirvish Productions, and most recently, the Orquesta Sinfonica de Oriente in Cuba.

Ongoing projects include WALK TOGETHER CHILDREN, a Cross-Cultural Concert Celebration of Black, Jewish, Muslim diaspora and MELANATTÉ a fusion of Classical and Romantic hits with a modern Black context, in collaboration with its brainchild, Rapsodius. “Denise Williams offers powerfully authentic renditions of the most beloved songs - all in a fresh, sometimes striking new musical context that will have audiences clamouring for more.” Rapsodius

Denise holds a BSc, ARCT Diploma in Singing, and a Masters in Community Music. She dedicates her time to leadership in the performing arts: as founding artistic director of the charitable theatre organization, No Strings Theatre, on the music theatre voice faculty of Sheridan College, and operating her Voices of Colour Music studio.

Denise was on the 2024 list of 100 Black Accomplished Canadian Women Honourees.

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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](#).

***LAST CALL FOR TICKETS for the Mardi Gras Event! Saturday February 15th @5:30pm.** 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 cooler, wine and beer bar, as well as a signature punch. Plan for a fun evening out and invite your friends and family. Dressing up is encouraged! Contact Lee Lynn for tickets.

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.

***Social Justice Vestry Motion - Information Session**

Tuesday February 18th at 7pm - in person at the church

Featuring Elin Goulden, Social Justice and Advocacy Consultant, Diocese of Toronto

The Social Justice group will be putting forth a motion at Vestry to urge the Province of Ontario to reverse the planned closure of safe consumption sites in Ontario, and to lift the ban on the creation of new sites. This session will aim to provide more information to help us understand the issues to make a better decision when voting on this motion.

Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on **February 23rd after the morning service.**

***Messy Church**

Messy Church will be on Saturday March 1st 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.

***Ash Wednesday Services**

We will observe Ash **Wednesday on March 5th** with two services, **one at 10:30am** and the other at **7pm**. Please bring back your palm crosses by March 2nd so that they can be burned for use for the imposition of Ashes.

***Lenten Study**

Please save the date for our Lenten Study, which will begin on **March 11th**. Details to come.