



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

February 16, 2025

10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Anointing

Welcome Team: Anne D, Marilyn D

Chalice Bearers: Rob 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 Richard Newland

Guest Artists: Ryhana T. & Revital W.

**Prelude:** Poor Wayfaring Stranger

*Arr. Mark Mrozinski CCLI #11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.*

Sentence: Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

*Luke 6.23*

**Opening Hymn: 361** Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Surely it is God who saves me;  
I shall trust and have no fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me,  
and his saving help is near.  
So rejoice as you draw water  
from salvation's living spring;  
in the day of your deliverance

thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make God's deeds known to the peoples;  
tell out his exalted Name.

Praise the Lord, who has done great things:  
all his works God's might proclaim.

Zion, lift your voice in singing;  
for with you has come to dwell,  
in your very midst, the great and  
Holy One of Israel.

*Text: Song of Thanksgiving (Is.12.2-6);para. Carl P.Daw, Jr. (1944-). Para.  
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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: Almighty and everliving God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick  
and restored them to wholeness of life,  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your power make whole all peoples and nations;  
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 JEREMIAH 17:5-10**

Reader: Natasha B

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 1**

Celebrant: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the  
scornful!

**All: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Celebrant: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**All: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Celebrant: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**All: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Celebrant: Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish us with the living water of your word, that we may bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All: Amen.**

**Second Reading 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20**

Reader: Elaine W

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6:17-26**

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**

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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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**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 in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn: 584**      The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.

*CP 584-The Church of Christ in Every Age. Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-).  
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**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant:      Eternal God,  
                         you are the strength of the weak  
                         and the comfort of sufferers,



receive all we offer you this day;  
turn our sickness into health  
and our sorrow into joy.  
We ask this 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;  
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,  
you made us in your own image,  
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining 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.**

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

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 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:** 569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath,  
such a truth as ends all strife,  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;  
such a light as shows a feast,  
such a feast as mends in length,  
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part,  
such a heart as joys in love.

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**Anthem:** River in Judea

*Lyrics by Linda Marcus, music by Jack Feldman, arranged by John Leavitt.  
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**Special Music:** Let Us Break Bread Together

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## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: God of tender care,  
in this eucharist we celebrate your love  
for us and for all people.  
May we show your love in our lives  
and know its fulfilment in your presence.  
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: 385** Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

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!

*Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875).  
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### **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** God of the Mountain

*Lynda Randle – CCLI song #162291 CCLI #11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.*

**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
**The Rev. Shelly Pollard (she/her/hers), Incumbent**

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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](#).

**\*Anointing**

We will be offering anointing this Sunday during our 10am service for those who wish to receive this sacrament.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> after the morning service**. Copies of the Vestry report will be available online. Limited printed copies will be available on the welcome desk.

### **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.