



St. Martin's Anglican Church

February 23, 2025

10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Vestry Meeting after service

Welcome Team: Shirley V, Art S

Chalice Bearers: Shelley M, 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: God Leads Us Along

George A. Young. Arr. Larry Shackley CCLI #11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.

Sentence: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 13.34

Opening Hymn: 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,

who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly
around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord,
who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph,
all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen

sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.

CP 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.

Text: Joachim Neader (1650-1680); tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

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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 God,
your Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;

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 GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

Reader: Tamara M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

Celebrant: Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

All: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Celebrant: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

All: Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Celebrant: Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

All: He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Celebrant: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

All: Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Celebrant: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

All: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

Celebrant: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

All: But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

Celebrant: But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

All: The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Celebrant: God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your kingdom, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Second Reading 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

Reader: Joe M

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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**Arr. © 1190 WGRG c/o Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. CCLI Licence #11469691***Gospel Reading LUKE 6:27-38**

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 said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

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: 487 Where Love and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well

in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek,
be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined,
we are in Christ made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Merciful God,
accept all we offer you this day.
Lead us to love you with all our heart,
and to love all people with your perfect love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation 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.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this,
you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore,
his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, 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: 9 Today I Awake

Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day;
For God never sleeps, but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
they called me to life and call me their friend.

*CP 9 Today I Awake.
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Anthem: We Are Marching (Siyahamba)

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Gracious God,
 in the eucharist we celebrate your love
 for us and for all people.

Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts,
we may show your love in our lives,
and know its fulfilment in your presence.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: 505 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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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](#).

Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on **February 23rd 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.

***Pancake Supper - Tuesday March 4th**

Our annual Pancake Supper will be held on **Tuesday March 4 starting at 5pm until 7:30pm**. We will have pancakes, sausages, desert and beverages available. This is a freewill offering / pay what you can event with proceeds going to support church activities and local outreach needs. There are signup sheets available as we are looking for donations of supplies & ingredients as well as help during the event. Bring your appetite and your friends as we mark the end of Shrovetide and get ready to start Lent.

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.