



St. Martin's Anglican Church

March 2, 2025

10:00 AM

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration**

Welcome Team: David Bo, Anne D

Chalice Bearers: 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: Caribbean Medley & Blessed Assurance

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Guest Artists: Daryl Williams (steel Pan) and Bianca Case

Sentence: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Matthew 17:5

Opening Hymn: 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;

thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*CP 393- Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), 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,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;
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 EXODUS 34:29-35

Reader: Alan

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

Celebrant: The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

All: The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Celebrant: Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

All: "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Celebrant: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

All: Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Celebrant: He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

All: "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Celebrant: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Celebrant: Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

Reader: Shirley V

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah " - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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: His Eye is On the Sparrow

Words by Civilla D. Martin; Music by Charles H. Gabriel.

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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: Natasha B

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: 645 Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine;
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be
and lowliness become mine inner clothing –
true lowliness of heart,

which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for non can guess its grace
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

*CP 645 Come Down, O Love Divine.
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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

*CP 732 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-). ©1971, 1977
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**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.**

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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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Music: Robert Jackson (1840-1914).

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Anthem: Total Praise

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
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: 381 Praise, My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;

alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:

alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish:

blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
 alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.

 Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

CP-381 Praise, My Soul

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Dismissal

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

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

Postlude Medley: By the Rivers of Babylon & Stand Up for Jesus

The Melodians & Words by George Duffield; music by George James Webb.

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Guest Artist Bianca Case:

Bianca Case is a Singer from Toronto, Canada. She has sung alongside orchestra at Roy Thompson Hall, a renowned music hall. She has also dedicated her work and life to ministering to the elderly and the young. Bianca loves the Lord and has dedicated her life to doing his will.

Guest Artist Daryl Williams:

Daryl, since 2005 he has been a member of the Pan Fantasy Steel Orchestra in North York and has also began to play for a variety of events.

In addition, Daryl plays for different bands and started to record with other musicians. And is associated with the St. Jamestown Youth Steel Orchestra, and The Pan Fantasy Steel Orchestra in North York.

Born in Toronto, ON and of Antiguan Heritage, he was introduced to the steel pan in Antigua & Barbuda WI at the age of twelve. His involvement with music dates back to when he was at the age of eight singing as a choir boy at an Anglican Church in downtown Toronto and at the Trinity College Summer Music Program for Choir Boys in the early 1970's. Currently he is still active as a part time performer.

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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!



***Messy Church – Upcoming dates: Sat March 1st 10am – 11:30am, Sat April 12th 10am – 11:30am, Sat May 24th 10am – 11:30am.**

St. Martin's now offers Messy Church. Come for a morning of fun for the whole family! This is an alternative service for busy families. A fun morning for the whole family. Crafts, games, stories, music and snacks! Please check our calendar for this event. If you would like to help or volunteer, speak to Rev. Shelly for more information.

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](#).

***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.

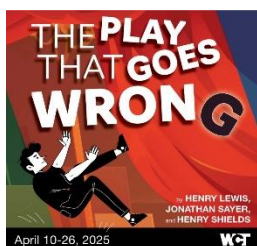
Ash Wednesday Services

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.

*** Faith Formation**

Join us for 5 weeks of Faith Formation using the resource "And It was Good" from the Anglican Communion. "And It was Good" provides an opportunity to explore together two vital themes: Our understanding of and responsibility for creation, and taking seriously the commitment expressed in the Anglican Fifth Mark of Mission 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. "And It was Good" comes out of the ongoing work of The Bible in the Life of the Church project.

We will meet on **Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm beginning on March 11th**, and **in person on Wednesdays at 11:30am beginning on March 12th**. All are welcome to attend!



***Join us for a Social Committee Road Trip to The Whitby Courthouse Theatre** (416 Centre St. S, Whitby) to see the uproarious comedy "The Play That Goes Wrong", on **Saturday, April 26th at 2 pm**. **Cost is \$24 per person**. Seats are very limited. Please make your own travel arrangements.

In order to confirm a reservation at the theatre, the Social Committee needs firm numbers AND **payment by Sunday, March 16th**. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

We also invite you to join us for dinner at a local restaurant (to be decided) after the play. Please indicate if you will be joining us for this portion of the evening on the sign-up sheet as well.

Contact Lee, Denise or the poster on the What's Happening Bulletin Board for more details.



* Spring Flowers Fundraiser

IT'S BACK! Your Fundraising Committee is collaborating again with Vandermeer Nursery, so you can order locally grown seasonal plants and gift cards in time for Easter and support St. Martin's at the same time! A portion of your money spent stays with our church. No order is too small!

Please take an order form from the Welcome table and fill it out with orders from you, your family, friends and co-workers. Bring back the completed totals form, and your payment to the church (cash or cheque payable to St. Martin's Anglican Church) no later than **Sunday, March 30**.

Your purchases will be available for pickup at the church on the weekend of **April 12-13**. More specific details are on the letter attached to the order form.

Please contact Debbie C or Lee L for more information.