



St. Martin's Anglican Church
April 6th, 2025
10:00 AM
5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome Team: Marilyn D, Anne D

Chalice Bearers: Gail H, 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 Shelly Pollard

Prelude: Via Dolorosa

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Sentence: All I care for is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Philippians 3.10

Opening Hymn: 345 King of Glory, King of Peace

King of glory, King of Peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art

I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
Even eternity's too short
To extol thee.

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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.**

707 Trisagion

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

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The Collect

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him 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 43:16-21**

Reader: David Bo

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

Celebrant: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

All: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Celebrant: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Celebrant: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

All: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Celebrant: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Celebrant: Praise to you, God of our salvation. Your generous gifts surpass all that we can ask or imagine. You have delivered us from the exile

of sin and restored us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Glory and honour and praise to you for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Second Reading PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14 Reader: Shirley V

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel *Please stand in body or in spirit for the Gospel*

Gospel Hymn: 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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Gospel Reading JOHN 12:1-8

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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: 180 Giver of the Perfect Gift

Giver of the perfect gift,
only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift
trembling at thy throne of grace.

Though the accusing voice within
speaks of many a wrong to thee,
thou canst cleanse from every sin,
thou canst set the conscience free.

Who can save us, Lord, but thou?
Let thy mercy show thy power.
Lo, we plead thy promise now,
now, in this accepted hour.

Oh! may these our Lenten days,
blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise
we may keep thy feast at last.

God the holy Trinity,
grant the mercy we implore;
God the One, all praise to thee
through the ages evermore.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Eternal God,
your only Son suffered death upon the cross
to bring the world salvation.
Accept the praise and thanksgiving

we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 4

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our

Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

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Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water

and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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 7

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**ALL: if we have died with him.,
we shall live with him;
If we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

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: SNC 48 Eternal Christ You Rule

Eternal Christ, you rule keeping company with pain;
enduring ridicule,
rejected, still you reign.

Eternal Christ, you rule fasting forty days a lone;
the tempter played fool,
expecting bread from stone.

Eternal Christ, you rule speaking pardon from the cross;
forgiving pounded nails;
death did its worst and lost.

Eternal Christ, you rule keeping company with pain;
with love and truth as tools,
come build in us your reign.

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Anthem: Lonesome Valley

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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: 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks
and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly

is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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**New Announcement*

Sunday School - Sunday School is every Sunday during the 10:00 AM service. All are welcome!



***Messy Church – Upcoming dates: 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.

Easter Flowers

To celebrate Easter our Altar Guild decorates the sanctuary with flowers. Please consider making a donation either "in memory of" someone or to honour those near and dear to your own heart. If you would like to make a dedication, please speak to Anne D. or contact the church office at office@stmartinsanglican.ca or 905-839-4257. Envelopes for Easter flower donations are also available at the welcome desk. The deadline for dedications is Wednesday, April 9th, 2025.

Palm Crosses

On Friday April 11 at 10:00 am we will be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you have wondered how these are made, fear not, instruction will be provided. For more information, please speak to Anne D.



Holy Week & Easter Services

April 13th, 2025—Palm Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Service; in person & live streamed.

April 14th, 2025—Compline

7:00 PM; on Zoom.

April 15th, 2025—Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM; in person.

April 16th, 2025 BCP Eucharist

10:15 AM; in person.

April 17th, 2025—Maundy Thursday

5:30 PM— Agape Supper; in person.

7:00 PM— Maundy Thursday Service; in person & live streamed.

April 18th, 2025—Good Friday Liturgy

10:00 AM; in person & live streamed.

April 20th, 2025—Easter Day Service of the Resurrection

10:00 AM; in person & live streamed.

***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.

Session Five: Creation Groans in Painful Hope

Read Romans 8:12-27 and 2 Peter 3:1-13

Questions:

1. What stood out to you in these readings? What surprised you?
2. Where do you find the "good news" in these readings?
3. What will you take from this study as we enter into Holy Week and Easter?
4. What have we learned these past five weeks? Where do we see God's grace and care?

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89250863235?pwd=S00yUExqenRLRHBFZVpsVIRQSXoxQT09>

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!

UPDATE FROM PADDY MCLOON

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. Thank you so much for your continued generous support!

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](#).

***SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS & RESOURCES**

The following announcements are from the Social Justice & Advocacy committee, Diocese of Toronto:

1. Federal Election Resource Available Now: A federal election has been called for **Monday, April 28, 2025**. While tariff talk dominates the headlines, those who are already vulnerable will suffer most from economic downturn. Building a stronger Canada starts with protecting those most in need. How can we press federal candidates on issues of housing, poverty reduction, climate change, reconciliation, and more? Our Federal Election Resource is available now for download on the [Diocesan website](#). For information on how, when, and where to cast your ballot, visit [Elections Canada](#). Read, discern, ask questions - and don't forget to vote!

2. Update on Vestry Motion and Harm Reduction in Ontario: Thanks to the 114 parishes (so far) who passed this year's Social Justice Vestry Motion to protect and expand harm reduction in Ontario. (We are still waiting on parochial returns and special Vestry results from several parishes).

A Superior Court judge has granted an interim injunction allowing supervised consumption sites to continue in operation pending a full review of the Charter challenge to the provincial legislation; however, the provincial Ministry of Health has said that any site which was to have ceased offering supervised consumption services by April 1 will be ineligible for provincial funding if they continue to offer supervised consumption services. This affects nine of the ten supervised consumption sites set to close under the legislation. If your parish

supported the motion, you may wish to send a letter to the Premier, the Health Minister, and your MPP urging them to allow continued services under the interim injunction. You can find a template letter [here](#). As access to supervised consumption services is restricted, the likelihood of public overdose and death will increase. Consider getting naloxone kits for yourself and/or your parish. You can get them, and basic instruction on using them, from many local pharmacies.

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