



Believe!
Believe!
Believe!

St. Martin's Anglican Church
April 27th, 2025
10:00 AM
2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome Team: Darlene D, Shirley V

Chalice Bearers: Anne D, 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

Guest Artist: Denise Williams

Prelude: Glorify Thy Name

Arr. by Mark Hayes. CCLI #11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598

Sentence: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

John 20.29

Opening Hymn: 212 Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,

and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let songs of praise his triumphs tell:
alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain:
alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee:
alleluia!

*CP 212 Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er. Text: Latin (Finita jam, 17th cent.); tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909).
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adpt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).
CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

365 **Glory to God on High**

Glory to God on high,
and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one
in glorious light.

CP 365 Glory to God on High.

Text: Glory to God (Gloris in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©.

Music: John Darwall (1731-1789).

CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598

The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
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 ACTS 5:27-32

Reader: Alison S

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:14-29

Celebrant: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

All: There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

Celebrant: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

All: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Celebrant: The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

All: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

Celebrant: "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

All: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

Celebrant: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Celebrant: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

All: God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

Celebrant: "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of ethereal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading REVELATION 1:4-8

Reader: Elaine W

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the

Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 JOHN 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put

your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Music: Melody Caribbean trad.; arr John L. Bell, 1990

Arr. © 1190 WGRG c/o Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. CCLI Licence #11469691

Homily:

The Rev Shelly Pollard

Moment of Silent Reflection

Special Music: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

from The Messiah by G.F. Handel. CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.

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: Sharon J

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: 216 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
crushing the serpent's head;
and cries aloud through death's domains
to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow
all saints in earth and heaven.

All glory to the Father be,

all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,
while endless ages run.

Text: Fulbert of Chartres (?-1028); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868).
CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.

Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God of grace,
you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom in your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,
through 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
G.I.A. Publications, Inc. CCLI Licence #11469691*

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 8-Easter Season

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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-).

©1992 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. CCLI Licence #11469691

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: MV #35 Holy One, O Holy One

Holy One, O Holy One, your tender
love creatively has called to be all
that has life. Holy One.

Holy One, O Holy One, with gentle
love these two would pledge their faithfulness for
all their days. Holy One.

Holy One, O Holy One, we cannot
know the nature of the days ahead, the
pains and joys. Holy One.

Holy One, O Holy One, we pray that
these secure in faith and strong in love
might know your peace. Holy One.

Holy One, O Holy One, while life is
ours we'd blessing take, we'd blessing give so
offer praise. Holy One.

Words: Walter Farquharson, 1990. Music Ron Klumsmeier, 1992, rev. 1998 Words CP 1990 by Walter Farquharson. Used by permission. Music CP 1992 by Ron Klusmeier. CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.

Anthem: All In the April Evening

Words by Katharine Tynan, music by Hugh S. Robertson.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Father,
 we have seen with our eyes
 and touched with our hands
 the bread of life.
 Strengthen our faith
 that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
 through Jesus Christ the risen 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: 220 Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen

Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
tell it out with joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days' prison:
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed,
all his woes are over now,
and the Passion that he bore;
sin and pain can vex no more.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen;
he hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

CP 220-Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen.
Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
Music: Melody Greistreiches Gesangbuch, Darmstadt, 1698;
Adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.
CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and server the Lord. Alleluia!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Praise God and Dance

from Sacred Concerts by Duke Ellington. CCLI #11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598

All hymn texts reproduced with permission under CCLI #11469691

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

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Richard Newland

Rector's Warden: Rob Mackay

People's Warden: David Bevan

Deputy Wardens: Art Slade & Ruth Sutton

Parish Administrator: Darlene Campbell

Music Director: Dr Alexandra Weiss

Sunday School Leader: Janis Lynch

Youth Leader: Natasha Baird

1203 St. Martin's Drive, Pickering, Ontario L1W 1M9
905-839-4257 office@stmartinsanglican.ca www.stmartinsanglican.ca

**New Announcement*

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



***Messy Church – Upcoming dates:**

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.

Documentary: Later Is Too Late

Celebrate Earth Week by watching this inspiring documentary, ***Later Is Too Late***. The Seniors for Climate website describes the film as follows:

"Later is Too Late is a window into the fears and hopes of ordinary people across Canada facing the existential threat of the climate crisis and working to be part of the solutions. "

Director Nancy Nicol (professor emerita, York University) is an award-winning documentary filmmaker with a long history of works on human rights and social justice. ***Later is Too Late*** is a participatory climate documentary co-produced by Nancy Nicol and Seniors for Climate. Seniors for Climate organizers and videographers in communities across Canada shared documentation of their events with Nancy, from which she created, ***Later is Too Late***, a powerful documentary that tells a story of climate activism and hope for a better future."

Full Length Video (60 mins)

<https://vimeo.com/1073218251?share=copy#t=0>

Shortened Video (23 mins)

<https://youtu.be/i7BmOOCbbfw?si=zT871BfIYSQFf3LQ>

***SOCIAL JUSTICE FEDERAL ELECTION RESOURCE**

The following announcements are from the Social Justice & Advocacy committee, Diocese of Toronto developed and distributed the following resource information:

- 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!

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](#).

1203 St. Martin's Drive, Pickering, Ontario L1W 1M9
905-839-4257 office@stmartinsanglican.ca www.stmartinsanglican.ca