



St. Martin's Anglican Church
May 11th, 2025
10:00 AM
4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Welcome Team: John L, Elaine W

Chalice Bearers: Gail W, Sharon J

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: So Virtuous for Jesus . Medley: Just As I Am and If Not For Grace

*"So Virous for Jesus" lyrics by Bianca Case; music by Lee Hutson and Taalib Johnson.
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Guest Artist: Bianca Case

Sentence: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

John 10.14

Opening Hymn: 440 For All Your Blessings

For all your blessings, Jesus, we praise you,
gracious in mercy, strong in console.
You to our need bring comfort and healing,
love and forgiveness, making us whole.

Daily around us, pain and confusion
crumble our feeble faith into dust.

Yet still we find your love in the darkness,
changing our anxious thoughts into trust.

We carry with us into your presence
prisoners of sickness, sadness and fear;
grant them to know your peace in their suffering
and new life flowing, for you are near.

Grant us, your servants, grace to work with you,
that in your loving task we may share
mind's understanding, hands skilled for healing,
hearts of compassion, joined in love's care.

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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-) ©.

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The Collect

Celebrant: O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading ACTS 9:36-43

Reader: David Bo

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Celebrant: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

Celebrant: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

All: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Celebrant: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

All: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Celebrant: Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever.

All: Amen.

Second Reading REVELATION 7:9-17

Reader: Joe M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO JOHN

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

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Gospel Reading JOHN 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Special Music: Jesus, You Are the Center of My Joy

William J. Gaither and Richard Smallwood. Lyrics by: Gloria Gaither. CCLI Licence #11469691

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: 286 Give me The Wings of Faith

Give me the wings of faith to rise
 within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
 how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
 and wet their couch with tears:
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
 with sins, and doubts, and fears.

I ask them whence their victory came:
 they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
 their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
 his zeal inspired their breast;
and following their incarnate God,
 possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
 for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
 show the same path to heaven.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God of loving care,
 you spread before us the table of life,
 and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd.

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 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-).

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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: 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine,
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,

be our immortal food.

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Anthem: All Night All Day arr. by Damien Sneed

Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of 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: 349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

*Text: ps100; para.attrib. William Kerthe (1530?-1594)
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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Come Christians Join and Sing.

*Words by Christian Henry Bateman. Music Traditional Spanish Melody.
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St. Martin's Anglican Church
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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 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.

*Rev Shelly will be taking bereavement days on May 22nd – May 25th. We welcome Judy Herron-Graham on May 25th for our Sunday morning worship.

*Clergy Conference – Rev Shelly will be at the Diocese of Toronto Clergy Conference from May 26th - May 28th. If you have any emergencies, please contact the office.



***Join Our Garden Maintenance Team!**

In the coming weeks, the Garden Maintenance Team will be gearing up to plant our raised garden beds, and to water and maintain them. The harvests from these gardens will provide food for our parishioners, residents of St. Martin's Centre, DARS, and the food bank this summer and fall.

A sign-up sheet was put out during Welcome Back Sunday last fall, and we want to thank those people who signed up to help out this year. However, we have many newcomers to our church, so we want to offer the chance for others to join our team. If you love gardening and are able offer your help, please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet on the back table. You will be contacted within the next few weeks by the chairperson. Contact Lee L. for more information.

***Doodle Poll**

For those involved in our Sunday morning worship we have sent out the doodle poll. Please respond at your earliest convenience. The deadline is May 22nd. If you need help, please contact the office.

SAVE THE DATE!

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, May 25**, immediately following the service, for a delightful afternoon hosted by the Social Committee. Enjoy a light lunch while we welcome the talented VIVA Seniors Choir for a lively sing-along performance!

To help us prepare, please sign up on the sheet located at the back table if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE – GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 8AM TO 12PM

Save the date! The Fundraising Committee is hosting a garage sale on **Saturday, June 7 from 8am –12 pm**. Please plan to attend and spread the word to your friends, family and neighbours. The location for this fun event is 501 Petticoat Lane, Pickering.

There is a flyer with all the details available to distribute to help spread the word! We need your help with donations of gently used items including clothing, small furniture and books to sell.

We will be asking you to drop your donations off to the garage sale location directly so please talk to one of our team members, Debbie C., Denise, or Lee, to make arrangements. You can also call the church office. Start your decluttering and we look forward to your support in helping make this event a success!

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](#).

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