



St. Martin's Anglican Church

May 3, 2026

10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome Team: Marilyn D, June 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.

Leader: Moyah M

Prelude: Rise and Shine.

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Morning Prayer

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: #300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation

pours perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

CP 300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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The Invitatory pg. 47 BAS

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Christ our Passover

1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22

Leader: Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading ACTS 7:55-60

Reader: Elaine W

Reader: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a

loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

Leader: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

All: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Leader: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

All: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Leader: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

All: "My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Leader: Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

Leader: Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you for the wonders of your love, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Second Reading 1 PETER 2:2-10

Reader: Pat M

Reader: A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,

and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading JOHN 14:1-14

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in

me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection from For All the Saints

Hymn: SIN #122 Before the throne of God above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest, whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness

The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with my Lord, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

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The Apostles' Creed

**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

Offertory Hymn: #532 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials or temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness;
and we'll find new courage there.

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The Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;

to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

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Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Postlude: Jesus Over Everything.

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St. Martin's Weekly Announcements – 2026

**New Announcement*

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

Mid-Week Service

Join us for our BCP mid-week service Wednesdays at 10:30am. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome. Friendly reminder, Rev Shelly's day off is every Friday.

***Rev Shelly Away**

Rev Shelly will be away from May 1st to May 9th inclusive. Please contact the office for pastoral care emergencies. There will be no mid week service on Wednesday May 6th.



***Messy Church Save the date!** Our upcoming Messy Church dates are:

Sat May 30, 2026 10am-11:30am

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!



***Spring Concert**

Join us after church on Sunday, May 31st, as the Social Committee welcomes the VIVA Singers to St. Martin's for a lively spring concert. Enjoy an uplifting afternoon of music, as well as a delicious luncheon generously provided by Viva.

Be sure to sign up in advance—sign-up sheets will be available on the welcome table.

***Faith in the Food Court (Pickering Town Centre) - Monday, May 4 at 7pm**

Join us for an evening of conversation and connection at our Faith in the Food Court initiative! The conversation continues on **Monday, May 7 at 7 pm** in the lower level food court at Pickering Town Centre as we explore the book "52 Ways to Reconcile: How to Walk with Indigenous People on the Path to Healing*" by David A. Robertson. We will read chapters 8, 9 and 10 together. It's a fantastic opportunity to share thoughts, learn from one another, and build community. We can't wait to see you there! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Denise F.

Let's explore together!  

Loonbank Update

All monies donated to the *Loonbank* from January to June will be flying off to **Nankind**.

Nankind is a Canadian charity that supports children with cancer by providing fun, confidence-building experiences alongside emotional and practical support for their families. From creative activities to special events, Nankind helps kids just be kids again—even during the toughest times.

So thank you for feeding the Loonbank... your loonies and toonies are making a big difference!.



Earth Week – Together for the Love of Creation

For the Love of Creation invites all faith communities to be part of **Earth Week 2026 – Together for the Love of Creation**. During the week of **April 19-26**, engage in a climate justice activity of praying, learning and/or acting. Let's make hope visible across the country. Mark Earth Week in a way that reflects and challenges your community.

Actions/Events you can take part in:

1) Incorporate a prayer for our Earth into your daily prayers during Earth week. Find some here:

<https://share.google/buCYOtomULPJTqe3q>

2) Take time to appreciate God's creation every day.

3) Ideas for Climate Justice Action here:

<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/resources/>

4) **Region of Durham Compost Giveaway (May 23, 8 AM–12 PM):** Held at [Don Beer Arena](#), residents can pick up free compost (limit 4 containers, must bring own shovel)

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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