



St. Martin's Anglican Church

May 24, 2026

10:00 AM

The Day of Pentecost

Welcome Team: Elaine W, Marilyn D

Chalice Bearers: Moyah M, Anne D

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: Spring from the Four Seasons

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Sentence: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Opening Hymn: #380 O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,

hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*CP 380-O Worship the King. Text: Robert Grant (1779-1838).
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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.**

Hymn: #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: Almighty and everliving God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal,
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your 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

ACTS 2:1-21

Reader: Pat M

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

Celebrant: O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

Celebrant: There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

All: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

Celebrant: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

All: You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

Celebrant: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

Celebrant: He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

Celebrant: May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Celebrant: O God of eternal light, heaven and earth are the work of your hands, and all creation sings your praise and beauty. As in the beginning, by your Spirit, you gave life and order to all that is, so

by the same Spirit redeem us and all things, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13

Reader: Shirley V

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 7:37-39

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

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: # 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: Giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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: Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
We give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In fulfilment of your promise
You pour forth your Spirit upon us,

Filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
And serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
And with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*CP 732 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-). ©1971, 1977
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**Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,**

our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
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: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
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 3

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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: CP #408 Wind upon the Waters

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heavens,
water from the earth;
gift so wholly given,
source of every birth.
joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand,
prairie, field and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night;
burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit and renew
all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

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Anthem: MV #135 Call by Earth and Sky

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Father,
may we who have received this eucharist
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,

so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me; your morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till traveling days are done.

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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: Waltz of the Flowers

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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!

*Please note that there is **no Mid-Week Service** on Wednesday May 27th

* Just a reminder if you would like a pastoral visit for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church office to arrange one. The office number is 905-839-4257 office@stmartinsanglican.ca.

* Please fill out our new **Parish Emergency Contact forms** located on the welcome table. When completed please leave them in the office. Filling out the form is optional. If you'd like more information about this, please come to our Pastoral Care discussion on **Wednesday June 10th at 7pm** here at St. Martin's.

***May 24th Celebrate Pentecost**

On Sunday May 24th we celebrate Pentecost which is the birth of the church. We celebrate this by wearing red to celebrate the Holy Spirit descending. If you'd like please wear red.



***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.

***McEachnie Funeral Home Presentation**

On Tuesday June 2nd McEachnie Funeral Home will have a Presentation at 7:00 PM in person here at St. Martin's. There is no obligation we simply wish to share some information that may not be widely known. Light refreshments will be served.

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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