St. Martin's Anglican Church
November 15, 2026
10:00 AM
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Anointing

Welcome Team: Marilyn D, Ellen C Chalice Bearers: Gail H, Michelle L

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: Hymn to Freedom

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Sentence: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. *John 15.5*

Opening 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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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.

Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.
All: **Christ have mercy.**
Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
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 JUDGES 4:1-7 Reader: Wallace C

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of

Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 123

Celebrant: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
All: **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

Celebrant: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
All: **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Celebrant: Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Celebrant: King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.

All: **Amen.**

Second Reading 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 Reader: Alison S

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to

the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 MATTHEW 25:14-30

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few

things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! *Sing A New Creation*

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Faith Works Presentation

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: Selwyn N

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: #97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
came with peace from realms on high.
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia!
came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care.
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heartfelt prayer,

alleluia, alleluia!
comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven.
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory:
let us then our homage pay,
alleluia, alleluia!
till the dawn of endless day.

CP 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring.
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Prayer over the Gifts *Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of 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 2*

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.
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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: #601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store —
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door —
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
Lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred,
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

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Prayer after Communion *Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

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: #239 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Trumpet Tune

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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!

Pastoral Visits
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.

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.

Confirmation Classes
Confirmation classes have started. If you have any questions, please email the church office.

***Anointing**
We will be offering Anointing during the service this Sunday for those who wish to receive this sacrament.

Messy Church Save the dates! Our upcoming Messy Church dates are:
Sat November 21st, 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!

Update: Social Committee Road Trip - Come From Away

There are still a few seats left to the production of Come From Away at
Oshawa Little Theatre on Saturday, April 3, 2027 at 2:00pm — the beloved Canadian musical based on the true story of the Newfoundland community of Gander and the extraordinary hospitality they showed to passengers whose flights were diverted following 9/11.

Group Price: $39.25 per person
If you would like to join us, please let Lee know asap and pay by November 8th.

We will be going out to dinner after the play at a local restaurant. For those who want to join us, please let Lee know this as well.

***Christmas Vendor Market**
Saturday, December 5 from 10am–2pm
Spread the word about another exciting Christmas event!
Tell your neighbours, friends, and family and please join us at St. Martin's for our popular Christmas Vendor Market featuring over 20 local artisans and businesses. Check off your Christmas gift list and join in the fun!

***St. Martin's Holiday Plant Fundraiser**

The Fundraising Team is partnering once again with Vandermeer Nursery this Christmas season to offer locally grown holiday plants and outdoor evergreen decorations!

Don't see anything you like or have pets to consider?
Vandermeer Gift Cards are also available — a perfect gift that never expires!

A portion of the proceeds stays with us to support St. Martin's general operating fund, helping sustain our many programs and initiatives.

Order forms and brochures are available on the Greeter's Table.

Order Deadline: **Sunday, November 29**
Payment: Cash or cheque (payable to St. Martin's Church)

Pick-Up Times:
Saturday, December 12 – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Sunday, December 13 – after the 10 am service

Every order makes a difference — thank you for your support! Contact: Debbie C or Lee L

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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