

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Feast of St. Luke – October 17, 2021, at 10:30



We welcome you to worship this morning. Our celebration is joyful, reflective, playful and reverent, as we thank God for new life through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge that this is the Dish with One Spoon Territory created in Treaty by the Anishinabee, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee binding them to share and protect this land. Subsequent indigenous nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. May we faithfully fulfill our treaty commitments to the land and its people.

This land has also been the place of Christian worship since the 1820's.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Introit – *Gather Us In*

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in,

gather us in,

ground us,

ground us in you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

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.

Children's Time — Michele Parkin

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

who inspired Luke the physician

to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son,

give your Church,

by the grace of the Spirit and the medicine of the gospel,

the same love and power to heal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: Sirach 34.1–4, 6–10, 12–14

Reader: Ralph Peter

Honour physicians for their services, for the Lord created them; for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the king. The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and in the presence of the great they are admired. The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them. And he gave skill to human beings that he might be glorified in his marvelous works. By them the physician heals and takes away pain; the pharmacist makes a mixture from them. God's works will never be finished; and from him health spreads over all the earth. My child, when you are ill, do not delay, but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you. Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him; do not let him leave you, for you need him. There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, for they too pray to the Lord that he grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147.1-7

How wonderful to sing praises to our God!

How glorious to honour the Holy One with psalms!

You rebuild Jerusalem

and gather the exiles of Israel.

You heal the brokenhearted

and bind up their wounds.

You count the stars

and name them all.

Mighty are you, O sovereign God,

boundless your power,

infinite your understanding.

You defend the downtrodden,

throw the wicked to the dust.

Chant to the Holy One in thankfulness;

sing praises with music on the harp.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4.14–21

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

On this Healing Sunday, we gather up those named in our Congregational Prayer List that we might entrust them, their specific situations, and their particular needs, to God's care, praying in the name of Jesus, the Great Physician, and the Lord of Life. Let us pray.

Loving God, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or recovering from surgery, that they may be made whole. We remember especially Marlyn, Dianne, Elaine, David, Wilf, Sofia, Shirley, Bill, Shirley B., Ralph, and Aileen.

Hear us, source of all goodness and life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, source of all goodness and life.

Mend broken relationships and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

Hear us, source of all goodness and life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Hear us, source of all goodness and life.

Grant to the dying, peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

Hear us, source of all goodness and life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

Hear us, source of all goodness and life.

You are the God who does wonders.

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O God, is the well of life.

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, source of all goodness and life.

Hear us, and make us whole.

Amen.

Prayer for Healing

As we prepare to commit those we have named to God's continued care, we symbolically place them on this altar, by which, in the person of the Risen Lord, all things are reconciled and made new.

 *Surely the Presence*

**Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel Her mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the rush of angels' wings;
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of our God is in this place**

We light a Candle

O light of the world, first born from the dead,
risen with healing in your wings,
may your sheltering enfold the vulnerable and the exposed.

O restless flame, Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
**may your assurance warm the hearts of the anxious,
and ease the minds of the distraught.**

O pillar of fire, liberator, companion, wayfarer
may your presence lead all steps and guide all ways.

O laughing light, first born of creation,
may your laughter again sound in our lives and in our land.

 *Surely the Presence*

**Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel Her mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the rush of angels' wings;
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of our God is in this place**

Shelter, assurance,
presence, and tears
making way for laughter
find expression in this candle flame.

Yet they can neither be contained nor confined in a single flame
burning in one place at one time.
Still less can they be constrained or controlled.
They would be, and they will be,
released into the world.

Just as we have released ourselves,
and those for whom we have prayed,
to the Love from which nothing can separate us.

Now as we extinguish the flame,
we change the light, and release it
that it might be in all times and in all places.

And, even as we watch it dwindle,
diminish
and drift
until it disappears to sight
we know
it has not gone.

Shelter, assurance,
presence, and tears
making way for laughter
are with us still,
and we with them.
And nothing can separate us.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts in support of the ministry of the Church.



Come - Ralph Peter

**Come all God's people Chosen and blessed
Come God's beloved Rest in God's love
God sends the Spirit, embracing our lives
Healing and guiding the way in our lives**

**Come all you poor ones, God's reign is yours
Come all who mourn now, comfort is near
Spirit awaken, inspire us all
Help us as we live God's word, in our lives**

**Come all the humble the earth shall be yours
Come all who hunger, for righteousness now
God sends the Spirit, embracing our lives
Healing and guiding the way in our lives**

**Come all who make peace, Children of God
Come crying justice, (for) those now oppressed
Spirit awaken, inspire us all
Help us as we live God's word, in our lives**

**Come who seek mercy, forgiveness and peace
Come all sincere hearts, you will see God
God sends the Spirit, embracing our lives
Healing and guiding the way in our lives**

Come who are struggling (For) righteousness sake
Come all you prophets God's reign is yours
Spirit awaken, inspire us all
Help us as we live God's word, in our lives

Come God's beloved, chosen and blest
Come clothed with meekness, compassion and love
Spirit awaken, inspire us all
Help us as we live God's word, in our lives

Come all God's people
Come God's beloved, Come all God's people, come

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of compassion,
you are a strong tower for all who trust in you.
Be now and evermore our defence,
that we may proclaim the only name under heaven
given for health and salvation,
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
because in the fellowship of your saints
you have given us a glorious pledge
of the hope of our calling.
Therefore we join our voices with theirs
as earth and heaven unite to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

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 sons and daughters;
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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as 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, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for
ever. Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*Jesus, I believe that you are present with us
in the sacrament of bread and wine.
I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself to you;
never let me be separated from you. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion

*Starting from the front, please come to the altar by the centre aisle
and stand on one of the white tape X's on the floor.*

*Whichever side of the aisle you're seated, as an X is vacated take your place,
either to the right or to the left.*

*Please return to your seat by the closest transept, keeping the centre aisle free
for those coming forward to receive.*

Communion Music "*La fille aux cheveux de lin*" by Claude Debussy

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.
Living God,
may we who have shared in these holy mysteries
enjoy health of body and mind,
and witness faithfully to your gospel,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Glory to God,
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.

Closing Hymn *May the Love of the Lord (Wi yuan Shen di ai)*

Wei yuan Shen di ai fu - wei ni di ling,
Mei shi - ke ta di ai zhu aai ni xin li,
Ta di rong-guang zhao-yao ni ci - ai ban - sui ni.
Wu - lun he - chu ta di ling dou yong - yuan ban - sui ni.

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, through - out ev-ery day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Final Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit
be with you every step of the way,
and be your guide as your road changes and turns;
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life
be with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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