

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke  
Reign of Christ, November 21, 2021  
10:30 Service - *FaithWorks* Sunday



*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*

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.**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we turn our hearts and minds  
to worship almighty God,  
let us confess our sins

**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.**

Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn 375 *At the Name of Jesus vs. 1, 3, 4*

1. **At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**
3. **Name him, Christians, name him, with love as strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.**
4. **In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

You who are, who were, who are to come,  
before whose judgement all that is not love fades away:  
save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts,  
so that we may hear a different voice  
and belong to you in truth;  
through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. **Amen.**

Children's Time

## Breaking Open the Word

The First Reading: 2 Samuel 23.1—7

Reader: Ralph Peter

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 132.1—13

Holy One, remember David!  
Those terrible sufferings!  
Remember what he swore,  
the oath to Jacob's mighty God,

**"I will not enter my house,  
nor climb into my bed.  
I will not allow my eyes to sleep,  
nor my eyelids to slumber,  
until I find a place for the Holy One  
where Jacob's Mighty God may dwell."**

We heard the ark was in Ephrata;  
we found it in the woodland and said,

**"Let us go to God's dwelling;  
let us bow down at the footstool."**

Holy One, ascend to your resting place,  
you, with your powerful ark.

**May your priests be robed in truth and justice;  
may the faithful shout for joy.**

For the sake of David your servant,  
do not spurn your anointed king.

**You swore to David!**

**Surely you will not relent!**

“Fruit from your own body

I will set upon your throne.

**If your descendants keep my covenant**

**and the discipline I shall teach them,**

**their descendants, too,**

**will sit on your throne forever.”**

The Second Reading: Revelation 1.4B—8

Reader: Connie Williams

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John 18.33—37

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king.

For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Presentation: Paige Souter, All Saints Church Community Centre

## ***FaithWorks Prayer***

*We sit or kneel as we are most attentive for prayer.*

Let us celebrate the Reign of Christ today in remembrance that Divinity arose among us in Jesus, lives within us, and sees us daily in the lives of those who call out for assistance.

We pray for all those who work within the *FaithWorks* family of support. We pray that our gratitude for their work may enrich their lives and sustain their energies for the great work that they are called to do.

We pray for all those whom they assist that their lives may be renewed for full participation in the human family.

We pray for the success of the *FaithWorks* fundraising campaign that we, too, may be given a chance to be those hands that do the work of saving lives and offering hope for so many. Help us to be as generous as possible, especially in this time when we are made aware of what it is to be alone, in need, and fearful of the future.

May the eyes of our hearts be always open to the full humanity of all.

Almighty, God, we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who is alive with You and the Holy Spirit, today and forever.

**Amen**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Leader: Ashani Weerasinghe

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*Brief Silence*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. sustain Mike, our incumbent, Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, and Linda our Primate, that, we, with them, may serve a servant-king.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions for the benefit of all.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community and diocese. Renew them in their work.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends and members of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering especially for Lucio, Gail, Wilf, Sofia, Grayson, Shirley, Bill, Ralph and Fred. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and our strength, we entrust to you all for whom and which we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

## The Offertory

Offertory Hymn 132 *Of Eternal Love Begotten*

1. Of eternal Love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.
  
4. This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore.
  
5. O ye heights of heaven, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him,  
and extol your God and king;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

by your grace you have raised us up  
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

Receive all we offer you this day,  
and lead us in those good works  
for which you have created us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**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.**

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 *Blest Are They*

1. **Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.**

*Refrain*

**Rejoice \_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_**

**Blessed are you, holy are you!**

**Rejoice \_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_**

**Yours is the kingdom of God.**

2. **Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst,  
they shall have their fill.**

*Refrain*

3. **Blest are they, who show mercy,  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
they shall see God!**

*Refrain*

## Final Blessing

May the God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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