

# St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

## Ascension - Holy Eucharist – May 29, 2022



*The Ascension of Christ -Miki De Goodaboom*

*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*

 *Like a Healing Stream*

1. **Like a healing stream — in a barren desert —  
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth —  
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,  
promising revival and rebirth —  
like a healing stream.**
2. **Like a gentle rain — on a thirsty garden —  
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed —  
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,  
yearning for an end to want and need —  
like a gentle rain.**
3. **Like a river strong — with a restless current —  
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore —  
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,  
calling for an end to hate and war —  
like a river strong.**
4. **Like a mighty sea — reaching far horizons —  
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide —  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:  
God will always challenge and provide! —  
Like a mighty sea —  
like a river strong —  
like a gentle rain —  
like a healing stream —**

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.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord.

Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of his peace,

and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Breaking Open the Word

Children's Time – Mieke and Priscilla

First Reading: Acts 16.16–34

Reader: Irene Thomson

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the

innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

Refrain

The Sav - iour reigns, lift up your voice,  
 O earth and all you heav'ns re - jice.

Tone

The Lord reigns! Let the éarth réjouce;  
 let the many cóastlands bé glád!  
 Clouds and thick darkness surround thé Lórd;  
 righteousness and justice are the foundation óf Gód's thróne.  
 Fire goes before thé Lórd,  
 and consumes enemies on évéry síde.

Lightnings light úp thé wórlð;  
the earth sées ánd trémbles.  
Mountains melt like wax befóre thé Lórd,  
before the Lord of áll thé éarth.  
The heavens proclaim God's ríghteóusnéss;  
and all the peoples behóld Gód's glóry.

## R

All who worship images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in wórtléss ídols;  
all gods bow down befóre thé Lórd.  
Zion hears ánd ís glád;  
the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments Ô Gód.  
For you, O Lord, are most high over áll thé éarth;  
you are exalted far abóve áll góds.

## R

The Lord loves those who hâte évil,  
guards the lives of the faithful,  
and rescues them from the hand óf thé wícked.  
Light dawns fór thé ríghteous,  
and joy for the úpright ín héart.  
Rejoice in the Lord Ó yóu ríghteous,  
and give thanks to God's hólý náme!

## R

Second Reading: Revelation 22.12–14, 16–17, 20–21 Reader: Peter Lee

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things

says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John 17.20—26

♪ Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! ' Hal - le - lu - jah! (*repeats*)

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.**

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

♪ Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! ' Hal - le - lu - jah! (*repeats*)

Sermon: Reverend Mike Stuchbery

## Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
  
You are God. We worship you.

## The Prayers of the People

Leader: Ashani Weerasinghe

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

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you! (*Psalm 122.6*)

Let us pray to God, the Holy Spirit, saying:

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the Church here and everywhere. For our Bishops and leaders, for our Clergy and teachers, for the Anglican Communion around the world and, particularly today, for the church in Jerusalem, for Archbishop Hosam Naoum, and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Ibrahim Azar and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and The Holy land, that all may proclaim your word of peace and reconciliation.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for justice and peace on earth. For leaders of this country of Canada and for leaders of all nations, particularly remembering today Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. May peace and harmony abundantly bless these achingly beautiful and historic places of your Creation, O God.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the holy city of Jerusalem. Bring to those who lead Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities a spirit of cooperation and collaboration as this ancient and blessed city continues to be 'holy' for us all.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit, be with all those in need. We pray for victims of war and violence, for refugees and prisoners, for all who are afflicted or oppressed. Be present to those who are ill or approaching death, especially Wilf, Grayson, Jeff, Douglas, Michael, Richard, and Carolyn. Sustain their families and friends as they offer encouragement and support that they may be held in your healing power. We pray for those who have died . . . that they may live eternally in God's presence, and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. **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.

*The Prayer Bell calls us to silent reflection*

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

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

## The Offertory

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

 *Come to the Water*

1. O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.  
and let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek,  
let them come to the water.  
and let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life,  
except for the Lord?
3. And let all who toil,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary,  
let them come to the Lord:  
all who labour, without rest.  
How can your soul find rest,  
except for the Lord?

4. **And let all the poor,  
let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden,  
bring them all to the Lord.  
Bring the children without might.  
Easy the load and light:  
Come to the Lord.**

Blessing of a Vase in Memory of Mary Neale

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**The Maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified,  
pour your blessing upon this vase dedicated to the memory of Mary Neale,  
and grant that as we use it in our worship services with thanksgiving,  
we also may be blessed by you the maker of all things.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ  
has promised to be with us until the end of time.

Accept all we offer you this day,  
and renew us in his transfigured life;  
for the sake 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,  
who after his glorious resurrection  
appeared to his disciples,  
and in their sight ascended into heaven  
to prepare a place for us;  
that where he is, there we might also be,  
and reign with him in glory.  
Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
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. 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Those worshipping at home are invited to pray the *Prayer for Spiritual Communion*, while those physically present come forward to receive the bread.**

**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.**

## Communion Music

Hymn 73 *One Bread One Body*

*Refrain*

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
one cup of blessing which we bless —  
and we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.**  
*Refrain*
2. **Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.**  
*Refrain*
3. **Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.**  
*Refrain*

### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.  
Confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through 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, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

May Christ who is human and divine,  
who is of heaven and also of earth,  
lift up your lives to God,  
and the blessing of God, Source of all life,  
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you always.  
**Amen.**

Hymn 497 *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round*

1. **Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round  
of circling planets singing on their way,  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
into the glory of the perfect day:  
rule in our hearts that we might ever be  
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**
2. **We are of thee, the children of thy love,  
companions of thy well-beloved Son;  
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,  
into our hearts that we may be as one:  
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;  
as one with him, our pattern and our friend.**
3. **We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
one with the joy that rises into song,  
one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,  
one in the power that makes thy children free  
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**
4. **O clothe us in thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;  
our inspiration be thy constant word;  
we ask no victories that are not thine:  
give us the shield of faith that we may be  
steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## Announcements and Notices - Sunday, May 29, 2022



**Jazz Vespers** – Today at 4:00pm

Michael Occhipinti – Guitar

Kevin Turcotte – Trumpet

Jon Maharaj - Bass

## Calendar

**Readings for next Sunday** – June 5 – *Pentecost*

Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm 104.25-35, 37b; acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17, 25-27

## This Week

Thursday *Let My People Sing!* – 7:00pm via ZOOM, use the Sunday morning worship link on the web site. Thursday, June 9 is the last *Let My People Sing!* until the fall – a sing your favourites night.



- Friday      Centering Prayer – Church – 9:30am via ZOOM use the link on the Centering Prayer dropdown under the Worship tab on the website
- Sunday      Holy Eucharist – Church – 8:30am and 10:30am  
the Reverend David Bryant, preaching-presiding  
Eric Hanbury, organist.