St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke Pentecost 9 - Holy Eucharist – August 7, 2022



The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

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.

We welcome the Right Reverend Ann Tottenham who will preach and preside at today's service.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements — As our community gathers on this first Sunday of the month, we share news of August birthdays: Nigel Weaver (70), Shirley Humphries, Donna Farrell, Kathleen Kidd, Ashani Weerasinghe, and August anniversaries: Rachel and Puneet Sunda, Dhammika and Ashani Weeerasinghe, and Bill and Shirley Humphries (70th).

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God give you many, many years To give thanks for your blessings here; And many, many, many more To see the good God has in store.

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Hymn 319 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

- Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
- "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus!"
 "Worthy the Lamb!" our lips reply, "for he was slain for us."
- Jesus is worthy to receive honour and power divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine!
- Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!

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, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

Reader: Michele Parkin

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they

shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24

We sing the Refrain twice through at the beginning and the end.



Our holy God has spoken and proclaimed to the world from east to west.

Out of Zion God shines forth in radiant beauty, coming not in silence, but as a consuming fire, a mighty tempest raging all around.

Show us the way of salvation - O Holy One.

O Holy One, you summon heaven above and the whole world to judge your people. You say, "Gather my faithful people, who have covenanted with me by sacrifice. Let the heavens declare my faithful justice." Surely our God is our judge! Listen! Let me declare! "I solemnly charge you I am the Holy One, your God! I do not condemn you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me. Those who offer sacrifice of praise pay me honour.

Whoever mend their ways, I will show the way of salvation."

Show us the way of salvation - O Holy One. (*repeat*)

Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1–3, 8–16 Reader: Frances Clarkson

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ' $lu - \underline{jah}!$ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ' $lu - \underline{jah}!$ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ' $lu - \underline{jah}!$ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ' $lu - \underline{jah}!$ Hal - le – $lu - \underline{jah}!$ (repeats)

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.

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ' lu – jah! ...

Sermon: The Right Reverend Ann Tottenham

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: Debbie MacLean-Schubert

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

In peace we pray to you, O God

Space for Silence

For the peace and unity Of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the gospel, And all who seek the truth

For Mike, our incumbent, Greg, our deacon, Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, and for all bishops and other ministers,

For all who serve God in the Church.

For this community, our country, and the world; for an end to racism and all forms of oppression, and an end to poverty and all social injustice.

For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the victims of heat and drought, hunger and thirst, economic exploitation, and climate extremes.

For the just and proper use of your creation.

For all people in their daily life and work and for those out of work or facing financial difficulties.

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone or isolated.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For our own needs and those of others, remembering especially those in our parish who are in particular need at this time especially, Probhat and family, Gabriel, Debbie, Wilf, Grayson, Jeff, Michael, Richard, Carolyn, Merrill, Penny, and Liz.

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them; who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our 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 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.

Hymn 527 How Firm a Foundation (tune: St. Denio 393)

- How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?
- "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be thee, thy troubles to bless," and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply: the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
- The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
 I will not I will not desert to its foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
 I'll never no, never no, never forsake.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 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.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices 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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is 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

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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 494 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

- Not for tongues of heaven's angels, nor for wisdom to discern, not for faith that masters mountains, for this better gift we yearn: *Refrain* may love be ours, Lord; may love be ours. May love be ours, O Lord.
- 2. Love is humble, love is gentle, love is tender, true, and kind; love is gracious, ever patient, generous of heart and mind: *Refrain*
- 3. Never jealous, never selfish, love will not rejoice in wrong; never boastful nor resentful, love believes and suffers long: *Refrain*
- 4. In the day this world is fading, faith and hope will play their part; but when Christ is seen in glory, love shall reign in every heart. *Refrain*

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

Blessing: The Rt. Rev. Ann Tottenham

Hymn 466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

- How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your all: to live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
- 2. But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair,
- 3. We mark your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure, whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wrar your name, and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.
- 4. In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines, or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you, the cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured done.

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

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