

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Creation 4 – Sept. 25, 2022 – 10:30 Holy Eucharist



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.

Anglicans move in worship: kneeling, standing, crossing themselves, feeling the beat – you'll find 'cues' in this order of service.

We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after the service for refreshments and conversation (follow the path and the crowd through the cemetery).

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.

Gathering of the Community

Sanctuary flowers are to the honour and glory of God and are given in loving memory of brother and uncle, Bill Phillips by Valerie Parkin and family.

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Announcements

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Greeting

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

Hymn 589 *Come, O God of All the Earth* (cantor and **congregation**)

1. Come, O God of all the earth:
come to us, O righteous one;
come, and bring our love to birth
in the glory of your Son.
Refrain
Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you.
2. Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name:
may our lives your love confess.
Refrain
3. Come, O God of flashing light,
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one.
Refrain

4. Come, O God of snow and rain:
shower down upon the earth;
come, O God of joy and pain,
God of sorrow, God of mirth.

Refrain

5. Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease:
bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God,
you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us.
Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power,
so that we may release others from prisons of poverty,
hunger and oppression.

Amen.

Children's Time

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 32.1—3a, 6—15

Reader: Irene Thomson

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of

purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91.1—6, 14—16

We sing the Refrain twice through at the beginning and the end, once elsewhere.

Capo 2 Em *mp* Esus⁴ Em (Esus⁴) Em Am⁷ sus² Am⁷ Am^{#6} Em Am^{#6} B⁷ Emsus² Em

Ho - ly One, you are our re - fuge. Help us al - ways to trust you.

Whoever is under God's protection
remains in the shelter of the Holy One.

I say of the Holy One,

"You are my refuge! You are my shelter!

My God whom I trust!"

♪ Holy One, you are our refuge. Help us always to trust you.

Surely my God will save you from the hunters trap
and the terrible plague.

Divine pinions cover you;

Holy wings protect you.

The Holy One's faithfulness is your guardian shield.

Do not fear night's terrors,
or the arrow that flies by day,

**Or the scourge that stalks the night,
or the plague that haunts at noon.**

♪ Holy One, you are our refuge. Help us always to trust you.

Hear the promise of the Holy One:

"Because people are devoted to me, I rescue them.

I protect them because they acknowledge my name.


They call to me and I respond,

I am with them in affliction,

I set them free and bring them to honour.

I will satisfy them with long life

and show them my saving work."

 **Holy One, you are our refuge. Help us always to trust you.** (*repeats*)

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6.6-19

Reader: Peter Lee

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 16.19—31

♪ He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu - yan. (*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, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

♪ He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu - yan. (*repeats*)

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.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

The Prayer Bell calls us into silence.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. We pray your blessing on Mike, our incumbent, Greg, our deacon, Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, and Linda our Primate. Empower all the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favourable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, wilderness reserves and all shorelines. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms> Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, or recovering from surgery, especially Probbat and family, Gabriel, Debbie, Wilf, Grayson, Jeff, Michael, Richard, Carolyn, Merrill, Penny, Joe, Betty-Ann, and Bill. Stir us up to act in the best interest of our neighbours.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. Bless Tracy as she leads us in song and chant. Bless those who prepare the vessels, change the hangings, arrange the flowers. Bless those who work on the audio, visual and technological components of our worship that we and those who cannot be present in the flesh may worship together as one body.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold, Nicole Davidson, Bill Phillips, and all the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

The Prayer Bell calls us to silent reflection

Generous God, you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation. Forgive us for turning away from you and for neglecting the earth.

Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Hear and receive this good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ. Today, salvation comes to this house. Know that we are forgiven and live in peace with one another and with the earth. **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.

 *Openings*

1. **In the beginning was the water
And Jesus walked upon the water
And he opened the sky
And it came down like rain
And he opened the bread
And there was love inside**
2. **In the beginning was the fire
And Jesus came to bring a fire
And he opened the sky
And it came down like tongues
And he opened the bread
And there was love inside**
3. **In the beginning was the windstorm
And Jesus quieted the windstorm
And he opened the sky
And it came like the wind
And he opened the bread
And there was love inside**
4. **In the beginning was the mountain
And Jesus prayed upon the mountain
And he opened the sky**

**And it trembled like faith
And he opened the bread
And there was love inside**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

In Jesus Christ we behold your glory.

Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

As able, we continue standing together in thanksgiving before God.

Eucharistic Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you
Creator of all.

We praise you here in Southern Ontario where city and farm,
wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time
when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors
journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the
land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their
lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells,
in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who
spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, beluga and trout, bear and raven,
trillium and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient
song of praise:

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, Gi - chi Ma - ni - do,
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 high - est.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He
was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in
fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and
wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the
work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his
friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to
remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave
thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is
shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his
coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal
of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every
human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with
all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and
beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and
forever. **Amen.**

As able, we remain standing

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

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

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

Server and Assistant – Donna Durdle,

Baptized persons of any Church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available – ask the priest. If you prefer not to drink the wine, simply return to your seat having received the fullness of Communion in the bread alone. The Diocese of Toronto does not permit dipping the wafer into the cup (intinction).

If you prefer not to receive Communion but would like a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest when you come forward to indicate this to the priest.

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 531 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

1. **You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

2. **Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.**

Refrain

3. **You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.**

Refrain

4. **For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

Refrain

Prayer After Communion

As we depart, a Prayer for our Earth.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

**You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon
us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.**
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming
no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

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 and Dismissal

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

Amen.

and the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Incarnate One, and the Giver of Life, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 417 *Let's Sing unto the Lord*

1. **Let's sing unto the Lord
a hymn of glad rejoicing,
Let's sing a hymn of love,
joining hearts and happy voices.
God made the sky above,
the stars, the sun, the oceans.
Their goodness does proclaim
the glory of God's name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord.**

Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord.
Alleluia!

2. Let's sing unto the Lord
a hymn of adoration,
express unto the Lord
our songs of faith and hope.
Creation's broad display
proclaims the work of grandeur,
the boundless love of one
who blesses us with beauty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord.
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord.
Alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord.
Alleluia!

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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