

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
3rd Sunday after Epiphany, January 22, 2023
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.

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 Land Acknowledgement

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Processional Hymn *Let Us Build a House*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.



Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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.

God of blazing light,
through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness
and set us free to live as your children.
Give us courage and conviction,
so that we may joyfully turn and follow you,
led by the light that shines
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9.1—4

Reader: *Ralph Peter*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27. 1, 5—13

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


The musical notation is for a refrain in 4/4 time, marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "The Ho - ly One is our light and sav - ing help." Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: Dm, Gm^{#6}, Dm⁷, G⁷, B^bmaj⁷, Gm⁷, and A. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note on "help." The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

The Holy One is my light and my saving help;
whom can I fear?

The Holy One is my life's refuge;
of whom can I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Holy One,
one thing I seek:
to live in God's house all the days of my life,
to see the loveliness of the Holy One
and to meditate in the holy temple.

In the evil day the Holy One will shelter me,
hiding me in the secrecy of the holy place,
setting me high up on a rock.

 **The Holy One is our light and saving help.**

Now my head is high over my surrounding enemies,
so I will offer joyful sacrifices in the holy tent;

I will sing and make melody to the Holy One.

Hear my voice when I call to you'

be gracious and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks,

"Seek the face of the Holy One!"

O my God, I do seek your face.

Do not in anger reject your servant,
you, who have been my support!

O God, my saving help, do not abandon me or leave me.

♪ **The Holy One is our light and saving help. (2X)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10—18

Reader: *Chiagozie Azuh Sr.*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (music 324)**

The Holy Gospel: Mathew 4.12—23

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (*music 324*)

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: *Peter Lee*

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

Called together to follow Jesus we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

The prayer bell calls us into silence.

Make your church one in purpose
proclaiming a gospel of forgiveness and acceptance
expressing that truth
and living that reality
in all our interactions.

Help us to work together across differences and divides
and so assist in mending a fractured world.

Bless the Diocese of which we are part
as together we embark on new pastoral structure.

Bless those who will lay aside the tasks of office at our Vestry meeting
may we express our gratitude and thanks to them.

Be present to all who are discerning your call to follow
as they consider whether and how they might serve our congregation.
Help us all to encourage and support one another in our calling.

God of the ages
hear our prayers.

Make us wise consumers of the earth's resources:
that the planet may be sustained,
that producers and suppliers might receive fair payment,
that there be food enough for all,
that the web of connection
and network of relationship
be not broken.

God of the ages
hear our prayers.

Make us sensitive to the needs of those around us,
save us from hasty judgement and careless attitude.
Renew our commitment to those needing shelter,
facing mistreatment,
burdened by poverty,
stretched and tested by life and living.
We pray for: Diane, Gabriel, Zyah, Walter, Marlyn, Jeff, Kerry, Wilf, Bob,
Grayson, Robert, Merrill, Carolyn, Dana, and Hofia.

God of the ages
hear our prayers.

Make us to walk,
as those before us walked,
looking not for success, or glory,
wealth or fame;
but, looking to Jesus.
We thank you for those who have died confessing Christ
Fred Kean, Dan Bryant, Wayne Sutton
and for all whose faith is known to you alone.

God of the ages
hear our prayer.

God of the ages,
God of the now,
God of today and God of tomorrow,
God in Jesus, and God in us
hear our prayers.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners
and inviting them to his 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

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.

1. **Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in — the lost and forsaken;
gather us in — the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
2. **We are the young — our lives are a mystery;
we are the old — who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in — the rich and the haughty;
gather us in — the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**
3. **Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
4. **Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in — all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Loving God,

before the world began you called us.

Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

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.

O holy, holy, holy God,

O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above

bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes

and bears your name always!

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

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.

*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:

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.

Server: Donna Durdle

Chalice: Margaret Peter

Communion Hymn *One Thing I Ask*

One thing I ask = one thing I seek =
that I may dwell in your house, O Lord.
All of my days, = one thing I seek =
that I may see you Lord! ==
One thing I ask; one thing I desire;
Is to see you = (is to see you) = is to see you.

Hear me, O Lord. = hear me when I cry. =
Lord, do not hide your face from me.
You have been my strength, = you have been my shield, =
and you will lift me up! ==
One thing I ask; one thing I desire;
Is to see you = (is to see you) = is to see you.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Blessing

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.
Amen.

Closing Hymn 430 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

1. **Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**
2. **Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**
3. **Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**
4. **Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when I but call your name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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