

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 19, 2023
10:30 Holy Eucharist



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

Organ Prelude: *Variations on a theme of Clement Jannequin* – Jehan Alain

We welcome the Reverend Canon Michael Burgess, preaching and presiding today and guest organist Eric Hanbury.

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Announcements

Sanctuary flowers today are to the honour and glory of God and in loving memory of Ian Clarkson given by Frances and family.

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.

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.

Opening Hymn 5 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

- Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light.
Sun of Righteousness arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near:
Day-star, in my heart appear.**
- Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

3. **Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thy self display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God,
in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,
even when we are blind to your grace.
Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst,
so that we may see your world anew;
through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows compassion.
Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

1 Samuel 16.1–13

Reader: *Robbie Walker*

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this

one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 23

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



Holy One, you are my shepherd,
therefore I can lack nothing.

You make me lie down in green pastures;
you lead me beside restful waters.

You restore my soul;
**you guide me along the right path,
for your name's sake.**


Even though I go through a valley of deadly darkness,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your crook and staff comfort and support me.

You spread a table for me
in the presence of my foes.
**You anoint my head with oil;
my cup is overflowing.**

 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Truly goodness, love, and loyalty follow me
all my life long.

**Holy One, I shall dwell in your house
for days without end.**

 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** (*repeats*)

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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The Holy Gospel: John 9.1—41

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.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which

means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten-der
 faith-ful ness of God Re -

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Sermon: The Rev Canon Michael Burgess

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: *Janet Churchill*

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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

We pray for your church. Help us to learn from and affirm all those whose experience of your presence and activity in their lives differs from ours. Help us to see your grace at work beyond our understanding, our insight, our viewpoints and perspectives.

Grant clarity of vision to those who lead us, Andrew, Riscylla, and Kevin our Bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, and Linda our Primate. We pray that Mike and Tracy return to us refreshed from their week away.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the creation. You make and re-make all things, renewing them in love. You hate and despise nothing you have made. Teach us to see your full vision expressed in diversity and difference. Teach us the true worth of your creation that we neither devalue nor waste it.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. You seek rulers after your own heart. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. We thank you for the democracy in which we live. In the decisions and political choices that are ours may we seek your kingdom of shalom.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer physically or psychologically. Lead them beside still waters and restore their souls. Accompany those who walk through shadow lands of grief. By your presence, comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness especially Diane, Gabriel, Zyah, Walter, Jeff, Kerry, Wilf, Bob, Grayson, Robert, Merrill, Carolyn, Zofia,

Benjamin, Annette, Bryce, and Anthony. Give them your living water always.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those preparing for Confirmation this spring. Bless them, that they might grow into the promises made on their behalf and make them their own. May they mature in faith and understanding even as they mature in body, mind and spirit. Prepare us to celebrate with them and so together grow into Christ's likeness.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints, especially this week we are mindful of Thomas Cranmer and Oscar Romero, separated by time and space yet united in speaking truth to power though it cost them their lives.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As Jesus' hands shaped new reality from spit and dirt, shape these the prayers of ordinary lives, and everyday concerns that they may serve your purposes.

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.

Hymn 520 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

1. **The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**
2. **Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**
3. **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**
4. **In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**
5. **Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**
6. **And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!**

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.

Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through 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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,



Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy Lord God of power and might,

Heaven, Heaven, Earth, Earth,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

All glory to your name,

All glory to your name.

All glory to your name,

All glory to your name.

Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd

Is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd

Is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and 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

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with 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:

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: The Rev. Greg Lane

Hymn 49 *Draw Near and Take*

1. **Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.**
2. **Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.**
3. **Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.**

4. **Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.**
5. **The Lord in this world rules his, and shields;
to all believers life eternal yields.**
6. **with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole;
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
7. **Before your presence, Lord, all people bow.
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

Hymn 649 *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

1. **Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**
2. **Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.**
3. **Breathe on me breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**
4. **Breathe on me breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourself,
and to take up your cross and follow him,
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life
be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 560 *God, Whose Almighty Word*

1. **God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day,
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**
2. **Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now for all humankind
let there be light!**
3. **Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!**

- 4. Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride:
through the world far and wide
let there be light.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in G minor* – Nicolaus Bruhns

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