

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
16th Sunday after Pentecost, Season of Creation
September 17, 2023 - 10:30am Eucharist
Healing Prayer



The beasts of the field drink their fill. The lions seek their food from God.

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.

Baptized persons of any Church are welcome to receive holy communion. The diocese does not permit dipping bread into the cup. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, simply return to your seat having received the bread. Communion received in one kind is a full Communion.

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

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).

Gathering of the Community

Welcome, and Announcements

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, given in loving memory of Bruce, Frank, and Eleanor Grubbe by Anne Grubbe.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Creator, you made all people of every land in your image,
and entrusted them with the care of the earth.

**It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect
to those who first occupied this land we are upon.**

**We give thanks to the Huron-Wendat,
Haudenosaunee,
and Anishinabek Nations,
and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation:
the first peoples of this land.**

**We offer our respect
to those ancestors who may be buried in this land.
We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.**

**Creator let us be of Good Mind
to reconcile the mistreatment of this land
and those who have been displaced.**

**Give us attentiveness so that we may hear,
and give thanks for,
Indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada.**

**Give us sincere and open hearts
so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation
to which you call your Church.**

**With thankful and respectful hearts,
we pray in Your name,
Your Son the Peacemaker
and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.**

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

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.

Hymn – *O Great Earth*

O Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your animals, for animals can hear
the rhythm of your heartbeat.

O Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your rivers, for rivers can hear
the rhythm of your heartbeat.

O Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your birds, for birds can hear
the rhythm of your heartbeat.

O Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your trees, for trees can hear
the rhythm of your heartbeat.

O Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your flowers, for flowers can hear
the rhythm of your heartbeat.

O Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your children, for children can hear
the rhythm of your heartbeat.

O Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your elders, for elders can hear
the rhythm of your heartbeat.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Mysterious God, whose imagination and desire embrace all:
We seek to discern you in the interplay of forces,
in the order and the chaos of the universe,
and in the complexities of every living system.

Give us grace to honor your goodness
in what we know and in what we do not know,
in the world's harmonies and turbulence,
and in its promise and change.
For you are in, through, and beyond all that is:
one God, made known to us in Jesus Christ,
through the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

Exodus 14.19—31

Reader: *Zachary Parkin-Trudeau*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.10–24

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



O my soul,



bles - the Ho - ly One!



Hal - le - lu - jah!

You send out springs for the streams
that flow between the mountains,
**where all wild animals drink
and wild asses quench their thirst.**

The birds of the air live beside them
and sing among the foliage.

**You water the mountains from your palace;
the world is satisfied by your harvests.**



O my soul, bless the Holy One! Hallelujah!

You make grass grow for cattle
and plants for people to tend,
to produce food from the ground,
wine to gladden human hearts,
**oil to make faces glow,
and food to satisfy all hearts.**

The water nourishes your trees,
the cedars of Lebanon which you planted,
where birds build their nests
and storks make their home in the firs.

**The high mountains are home for the wild goats
and the rocky crags for the badgers.**

The moon marks its seasons;
the sun knows its time to rise and set.

**Young lions roaring after their prey
seek their meat from God.**

At sunrise they steal away
and stretch out in their dens.

**People go out to their work
and labour until evening.**



O my soul, bless the Holy One! Hallelujah! (repeat)

Second Reading: Romans 14.1 – 12

Reader: *TBD*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18.21 – 35

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.

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ **Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!**

Sermon: The Rev. Mike Stuchbery

Prayers of the People

Leader: Ashani Weerasinghe

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

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, "God of glory, hear us."

We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for the environmental catastrophes which confront us daily in the news; natural occurrences and events initiated or worsened by human activity – the earthquake in Morocco, the flooding in Libya, the wildfires which continue to burn in our country and around the world.

We offer our fears,

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for the dead, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works.

God of glory, hear us.


Gracious God, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world. **Amen.**

Anointing and Prayers for Healing

We now have a time of prayer for God's healing in our own lives and in the lives of those we care for. We begin with a unison prayer, then all who wish may come forward for prayer and anointing by one of the prayer teams.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician
to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son,
give your Church, by the grace of the Spirit
and the medicine of the gospel,
the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

 *Holy Spirit, Come*

Living water fill my thirsty soul;
Holy Spirit come! –
Bread of life fill my aching need;
Holy Spirit come! –
For I am nothing –
without your love –
Breathe new life in me. –
Then will my life bring glory unto you.
Holy Spirit, come!
Holy Spirit, come!
Holy Spirit, come!

Hymn 534 *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

1. Here, O Lord, your servants gather,
hand we link with hand.
Looking toward our Saviour's cross,
joined in love we stand.
As we seek the realm of God,
we unite to pray:
Jesus, Saviour, guide our steps,
for you are the way.
2. Many are the tongues we speak,
scattered are the lands,
yet our hearts are one in God,
one in love's demands.
Even in darkness hope appears,
calling age and youth.
Jesus, Teacher, dwell with us,
for you are the truth.


3. Nature's secrets open wide,
changes never cease.
Where, oh where, can weary souls
find the source of peace?
Until all those sore distressed,
torn by endless strife,
Jesus, Healer, bring your balm,
for you are the life.

4. Grant, O God, an age renewed,
filled with deathless love.
Help us as we work and pray,
send us from above
truth and courage, faith and power,
needed in our strife.
Jesus, Master, be our way,
be our truth, our life!

Hymn 458 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Refrain
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Refrain

 Where two or three are gathered in my name, _____
I am there, _____ I am there. _____ repeats

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

**Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.
We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us
and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world
for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live
and reign, one God, now and for ever. 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 God of heaven has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The peace of Christ 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.

Offertory Hymn 408 *Wind Upon the Water*

1. **Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.**

2. **Showers from the heavens,
water from the earth,
gift so wholly given,
source of every birth,
joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.**

3. **Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand,
prairie, field, and meadow
shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.**

4. **Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night,
burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.**

5. **Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew
all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and 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 right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:



**You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blesséd are you coming near.
Blesséd are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray

**Holy One, our only Home, hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy 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:

*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: Donna Durdle

 *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 —



Hey ney ya - na, hey ney ya - na, hey ney ya - na,
 hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

I walk in beau-ty, yes I do yes, I do,
 I talk in beau-ty, yes I do yes, I do,
 I sing of beau-ty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

Hey ney ya - na, hey ney ya - na, hey ney ya - na,
 hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

I leave in beau-ty, yes I do yes, I do,
 I sleep in beau-ty, yes I do yes, I do,
 I dream of beau-ty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

Hey ney ya - na, hey ney ya - na, hey ney ya - na,
 hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

Prayers After Communion & Dismissal

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
 that the gifts of your Spirit may work
 in us and renew the face of the earth.

May we be one with you
 so that our work is yours
 and your work is ours.

Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **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 who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation.
And the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Be with you now and always. **Amen.**



**It's a song of praise to the Mak - er,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Mak - er,
the gray whale sings in the sea,**

**And by the Spir - it you and I
can join our voice to the ho - ly cry
and sing, sing, sing, to the Mak - er too.**

**It's a call of life to the Giv - er,
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giv - er,
when high tides break on the shore,**

And by the Spir - it you and I...

**It's a hymn of love to the Lov - er,
the bum-ble-bees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lov - er,
the sum-mer breeze joins the song,**

And by the Spir - it you and I...

**It's the chor - us of all cre-a - tion,
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chor - us of all cre-a - tion,
a song the universe sings,**

And by the Spir - it you and I...

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely, so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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