

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
4th Sunday after Epiphany – January 28, 2024
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. 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

Land Acknowledgement

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.**

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

♪ *Come, Let Us Worship God*

(congregation echoes)

Come, let us worship God
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Rest for the weary...

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the children...

Hope for the children...

Come, sing the circle wide..

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This is St. Philip's...

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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 liberation,
who comes not to destroy
but to set us free,
bring wholeness to all that is broken
and speak truth to us in our confusion;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15—20

Reader: *Chiagozie Azuh Sr.*

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my

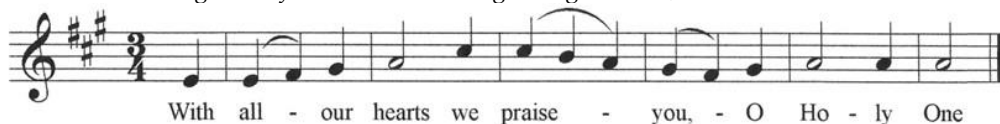
name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 111

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



Hallelujah!

With all my heart I praise you, Holy One,
in the congregation of truthful people.

**How great are your works
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor clothe them,
always faithful and just.

**Your wondrous deeds have won renown;
you are gracious and merciful.**

♪ **With all our hearts we praise you, O Holy One.**

Food you give to those who revere you.

Always you remember your covenant.

The power of your works you show to the people,
by giving them the heritage of nations.

**Your handiwork is true and just;
all your precepts worthy of trust,
enduring forever,
performed in faithfulness and truth.**

You sent redemption to your people,
ordained your covenant for all time;

holy and revered is your name.

The beginning of wisdom is reverence for you, Holy One;
sound insight comes to all who follow it.

Your praise continues forever!

♪ **With all our hearts we praise you, O Holy One. (repeat)**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1.21—28

♪ Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! ' Hal - le - lu - jah! (*repeats*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah!...

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.

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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

The prayer bell calls us into silence.

Loving God, we pray that the church may be build up in love, by the example of Jesus, who taught with confidence and authority. Give insight, and confidence in those insights to Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mike our incumbent, and Greg our deacon. May they and all church leaders and teachers honour your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, we pray for all creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care and interaction of the whole planetary ecology of which we are but a part. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Justice-seeking God, we pray for all creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care and interaction of the whole planetary ecology of which we are but a part. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who experience rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to housing or healthcare, those separated from family and friend, and all who suffer. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, for all who give of themselves and their service. May we give from creative spirits and joyful, willing hearts. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember all those gone before whose teaching and example drew and nurtured us in the faith: Sunday school and youth group leaders, priests and preachers, theologians of thought and word, theologians of action and reflection, authors and activists. We trust that they rest in your loving care, and we with them. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Knowing that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers, those spoken, and those uttered within our hearts, in the name of our teacher and our friend Jesus, your anointed.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners
and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The prayer bell calls us into silence.

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.

Offertory Hymn 450 *You Call Us, Lord, to Be*

1. You call us, Lord, to be
a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
to think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
2. You call us, Lord, to care
for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk and dare
to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
3. You call us, Lord, to be
good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place
of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
4. You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we might live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
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:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Glory to You, O Lord most high.
Blesséd is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!**

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 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.

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: Oma Bowa-Oteri

Communion Music

Hymn 500 *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*

1. **Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**
2. **We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**
3. **I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**
4. **I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Hymn 585 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

1. Lord, whose love in humble service,
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless,
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world and make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Prayer After Communion

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our 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.**

Announcements

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: **444** *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*

1. **Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness
and we their deeds record
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
2. **Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade the rise, and hasten
to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alive proclaiming:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

3. When shadows quickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.
4. And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise –
one church, one faith, one Lord.
5. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!
Thanks be to God.

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