

p St. Philip's Anglican Church,
Etobicoke

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024
10:30 Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer



Gathering of the Community

Welcome - 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.**

**We give thanks for Indigenous voices
in our Anglican Church of Canada.**

**Give us attentive ears to hear them,
and sincere and open hearts
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

Hymn 378 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

- 1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,**

and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail Redeemer hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

Let us pray.

Shepherd of all,
by laying down your life for your flock
you reveal your love for all.
Lead us from the place of death
to the place of abundant life,
so that, guided by your care for us,
we may rightly offer our lives
in love for you and our neighbour. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

1 John 3.16–24

Reader: *Frances Clarkson*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

1. **The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

And I will trust in You alone.

And I will trust in You alone,


for your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone...

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone...

 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!


The Holy Gospel: John 10.11 – 18

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.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sermon: The Rev Greg Lane

Prayers of the People

Leader: Janet Churchill

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

Gathered by the Great Shepherd, called and named to the task of caring for one another, let us tend to the needs of this parish, those of the wider world community, and those of the creation of which we are part, let us pray.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

Gentle Shepherd, we thank you for all who, on hearing your voice, have followed you. We thank you that there are many sheep, in many folds, and that there are many paths to follow. We pray for those whose following led them into Religious Communities. We thank you for those whose following led to ordination especially those who shepherd and pastor our congregation Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mike our incumbent, and Greg our deacon. We thank you that you call us, one and all, each by name. Help us, each and every day to consider your call and our response.

Great Shepherd of the sheep,

hear our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, you bind up the wounded, comfort the distraught, and carry us when our own strength fails. Accompany all who walk the path of illness, injury, treatment, and outcome. We remember Elizabeth, Chuck, David, and Jane.

Great Shepherd of the sheep,

hear our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, your gaze never wanders, and you lose sight of no one, for all are precious. We pray for those whose path has led them through the valley overshadowed by death and for those who grieve their passing. We pray for Alex Campbell and for his widow Mary. We pray also for Bill Shuya, and for his surviving brother John. May your goodness and mercy attend them. In the abundance of your love may their lives and their living overflow.

Great Shepherd of the sheep,

hear our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, day by day you tend us, even as the days add up and the years accumulate. Faithfully you walk beside us. Patient and unhurried, you adjust your pace to ours. We take comfort in your presence and find safety in the protection of your rod and staff. We pray for those of this flock who have lived to an advanced age, be they at home or in care facilities. We thank you for their witness and for their wisdom. We remember Shirley B. and Shirley C. Carmen, Jim, Herman and Gloria, Valerie, Mae, and Aileen.

Great Shepherd of the sheep,
hear our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, you call each of us by name. You lead us to refreshing waters and to nourishing pastures. Then return us to the fold, that we may find rest and renewal in the safety of your watchful guard. We pray for those living with persistent and ongoing health issues. We remember Wilf, Grayson, Merrill, Pauline, Danny, Bill and Shirley, Carly, Penny, Cheryl, Carolyn, Teslyn, and Shannan.

Great Shepherd of the sheep,
hear our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, Worthy Lamb, Shepherd and Saviour of all, receive both our prayers and our praise, that your good pleasure may be worked out in us and your rule of shalom come on earth as in heaven.

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.

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

Offertory 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 over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 offer thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:



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!

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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: Mieke Nicholson

Hymn **610** *Before I Take the Body of My Lord*

- 1. Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within —
these I lay down.**
- 2. The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight,
these I lay down.**
- 3. The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt,
these I lay down.**
- 4. Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction to Christ's peace
might be laid down.**

5. **Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine —
which you lay down.**

Hymn 612 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Refrain – **Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

1. **You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort: heal our hearts.**

Refrain

2. **In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, fill our hearts.**

Refrain

3. **Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother,
Spirit of all kindness be our guide.**

Refrain

4. **You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.**

Refrain

Hymn 620 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

1. **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.**
2. **It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms our troubled breast,
this manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**

3. **Dear name! The rock on which I build
my shield and hiding place,
my never failing treasury,
filled with boundless stores of grace.**
4. **Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.**
5. **Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

Hymn 553 *Ubi Caritas et Amor*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. (repeats...)

*Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you*

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 Christ who by death has destroyed death,
give you all courage and joy in believing
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life,
be with you always.

Amen.

We Are One In the Spirit

- 1. We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**
- 2. We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand.
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**
- 3. We will work with each other
we will work side by side.
We will work with each other
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

4. **All praise, Great Creator,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
the only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

Dismissal

Alleluia!

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

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