# St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

# Epiphany 6 – Healing Prayer February 16, 2025 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.

"St. Philip's lives out the gospel call of Christ by worshipping, praying, asking questions, learning together and loving one another as we offer ourselves in service to the world in Jesus' name."

We invite you to be part of this community in Christ as we dwell together in God's love.

We Welcome our guest musician Winston Frederick, steelpan player.

## 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

### I Have a Dream

- "I have a dream!" From prophet's word; an ancient truth, that must be heard; a land that's filled with faithfulness; where justice reigns in righteousness, where justice reigns in righteousness.
- 2. But when that dream is still deferred and empires claim to be preferred, equality and justice want, then we are called to dream again, then we are called to dream again.

- The dream may change from age to age, the right to vote, a living wage, a safe walk home, the dignity of one beloved community, of one beloved community,
- 4. This dream involves a sacred trust: to put away all that's unjust, to live the words that we profess, to pledge ourselves to righteousness, to pledge ourselves to righteousness.
- We will not quit, nor cede the past.
   We'll dream 'til all are free at last.
   Let justice roll, a mighty stream.
   Let mercy rise, fulfill the dream,
   let mercy rise, fulfill the dream.

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 blessing and woe, disturbing the deadly order of the world: give us faith tested in poverty, hunger for what really satisfies, eyes softened by tears and hearts ready to laugh at all that is false and pompous, so that we might be witnesses to the dignity of life: through Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside down. Amen.

# **Breaking Open the Word**

Ieremiah 17:5-10 Reader: Peter Lee

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 1

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



Hap-py are those who trust the Ho-ly One.

Happy are those who follow no evil counselors, nor stand in sinners' ways, nor sit with the insolent.

Rather, they delight in the Holy One's teaching; on that teaching they meditate day and night.

They shall be like trees beside flowing streams, trees that yield fruit in due season, whose leaves never wither.

All their work shall prosper.

# **♬** Happy are those who trust the Holy One.

Not so for the wicked!

They are like chaff blown away by the wind.

Therefore the wicked shall not survive judgment, nor sinners be among the just and faithful.

Truly, the Holy One knows the way of the just and faithful, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Reader: Grace Mhuru

♬ Happy are those who trust the Holy One. (repeats)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Greg Lane

## **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.

Leader: Janet Churchill

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Blessed are the nations. We pray for prime ministers, presidents, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists, especially Rick, Pat, Thelma, Myrna, Everton, Gloria, Shirley & Emmanuel. Draw close to those we know who are suffering with ongoing medical issues: Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Patricia, Elizabeth, Chris, Carolyn, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Bill, Ken, John and Eleanor, Patrick, and Dave; and those in our congregation in long-term care or coping with the difficulties of ageing: Shirley B., Shirley C., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, and Pauline. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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.

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

Hymn 423 How Great Thou Art

 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gently breeze;

  \*Refrain\*
- 3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in' that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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:

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, 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,

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

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.

# **Anointing and Healing Prayer**

As we go forward for Communion, we hold those in particular need of prayer for healing before God, especially Rick, Pat, Thelma, Myrna, Everton, Gloria, Shirley & Emmanuel we 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.

All who wish may come forward for prayer and anointing by our prayer team.

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: Bawo Bawo-Oteri / Communion Assistant – Mieke Nicholson

- ✓ Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees
   Negro Spiritual
  - Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
  - 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
  - 3. Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

# It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrow, like sea billows, roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

#### Refrain

It is well\_\_\_with my soul,\_\_\_ It is well, it is well with my soul.

- Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain
- 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought: My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain
- 4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," it is well with my soul. Refrain

#### Hymn 352 Amazing Grace

- 1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

  I once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.
- 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

#### Hymn 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
   What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
   O what peace we often forfeit,
   O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
- 2. Have we trials or temptations?
  Is there trouble anywhere?
  We should never be discouraged;
  take it to the Lord in prayer.
  Can we find a friend so faithful
  who will all our sorrows share?
  Jesus knows our every weakness;
  take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
  Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
  Do our friends despise, forsake us?
  Are we tempted to despair?
  Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

### Prayer After Communion

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people.

May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence.

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.

Miigwech

Gan xie ni

Ekele

**Asante** (*Repeats*)

For justice, peace, and freedom

Thank you, Lord

For reconciliation

Thank you, Lord!

For joy, and pain, and caring

Thank you, Lord!

For your abundant blessings

Thank you, Lord!

Miigwech

Gan xie ni

Ekele

**Asante** (*Repeats*)

Olw' ebirunji byonna (For all the beautiful things)

Webale (thank you)

Olw'o okwagala kwo gwe (For your endless love)

Webale (thank you)

Olwa Famire zaffe (For our families)

Webale (thank you)

Olw'emikwano gyaffe (for our friends)

Webale (thank you)

Miigwech

Gan xie ni

Ekele

**Asante** (Repeats)

Olw'emirimu gyaffe (for our jobs)

Webale (thank you)

Olwa obulamu bwaffe (for our lives)

Webale (thank you)

Olwa amagezi gonna (for all the wisdom)

Webale (thank you)

Olw' ebirunji byonna (For all the beautiful things)

Webale (thank you)

Miigwech Gan xie ni Ekele Asante (Repeats)

#### **Announcements**

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God in loving memory of Stan and Kitty Pashley given with love by the Pashley family.

- Eucharist & Bible Study Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 10.00 to noon in the Church
- Centering Prayer Every Friday 9.30am Via Zoom
- Annual vestry meeting Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 10.00am –
   2.00pm (Bring a bag lunch / beverages and treats will be served)
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00am Bishop Kevin Robertson will join us for a special confirmation service. This will be followed by a celebratory lunch in honor of our elders who celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.
   Please note that there will be only one service at 10.00am.
- Jazz Vespers February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm Featuring Roberto Occhipinti on bass Pat LaBarbera on Saxophone and Anthony D'allesandro on Piano.
- Recital "The Piano After Dark" David Potvin, piano Sunday,
   March 9, 2025 at 4pm
- Game fellowship night Saturday, March 22,2025 6pm 8pm at Parish hall.
- "WISDOM FOR THE LONG WALK OF FAITH" A lent study at St.
   Philip's for those who want to deepen their relationship with God –
   Tuesday evenings in lent March 4 April 8 from 7pm 8.30pm –
   Facilitated by Fr Mike & Tracy Stuchbery Call 416-247-5181 staffstphilip@gmail.com

#### 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.

# **□** Just A Closer Walk With Thee Author Unknown

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain

#### Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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