St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 23, 2025 10.30am 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 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 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

- There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
- There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.
- 3. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

- 4. Foolish hearts, why will ye scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Fainting souls, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?
- 5. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

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 mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

Isaiah 55:1-9 Reader: Peter Satya

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63.1 - 8

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



7 To you we lift our hearts in prayer and praise. (*Repeats*)

My very soul thirsted after you!
My body fainted with longing or you,
Like dry and waterless desert.
Then I saw you in the holy place,

gazing on your power and glory.

Surely your faithful love

is better than life itself.

My lips proclaim your praise.

Therefore I shall bless you all my life,
in your name lift up my hands in prayer.

To you we lift our hearts in prayer and praise.

You satisfy my body with richest food.

My lips shout your praise.,

On my bed when I think of you,

I meditate upon you in the night watches.

For you have always been my help; in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

My soul clings to you;

My soul clings to you; your right hand supports me.

To you we lift our hearts in prayer and praise. (Repeats)

Reader: Frances Clarkson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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



The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.""

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Return to God with all your heart...

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader : Maddy MacGregor

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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, priests, deacons, wardens, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. We pray especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan and Acting Primate; Rosalind and Azuh our wardens; and Ashani and Debbie our deputy-wardens. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion: for those in our congregation facing urgent medical issues (Rick, Pat, Thelma, Myrna, Everton, Gloria, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Tim, Carolyn, and Irene); and for those who cope with ongoing health issues (Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Patricia, Elizabeth, Chris, Geoff, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Bill, Ken, Patrick, and Dave). Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministry of Deacon Greg, carried out in the wider community; for his spiritual care of the residents at Wesburn Manor and Castleview Wychwood Towers. We also pray for the congregation we serve with our monthly Eucharist at the Village of Humber Heights. Bless all those in these residences that we serve and with whom we worship and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them 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

Come to the Water

- 1. O let all who thirst,
 let them come to the water.
 and let all who have nothing,
 let them come to the Lord:
 without money, without price.
 Why should you pay the price,
 except for the Lord?
- 2. And let all who seek,
 let them come to the water.
 and let all who have nothing,
 let them come to the Lord:
 without money, without strife.
 Why should you spend your life,
 except for the Lord?
- 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labour, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
- 4. And let all the poor,
 let them come to the water.
 Bring the ones who are laden,
 bring them all to the Lord.
 Bring the children without might.
 Easy the load and light:
 Come to the Lord.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus 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.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory

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 Is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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. Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name 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

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.

Server - Maddy MacGregor, Communion Assistant- Robbie Walker

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.



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!

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Those who wait on the Lord

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,

They shall mount up on wings___as eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint,

Women: Those who wait

Men: Those who wait

All: On the Lord

I will wait on the Lord and renew my strength,

I will mount up on wings like and eagle,

I will run and not be weary,

I will walk and not faint,

Women: I will wait

Men: I will wait

All: On the Lord

♬ Down in the valley

1. Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go, where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow, everywhere he leads me I would follow, follow on, walking in his footsteps till the crown be won.

Refrain

Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus, anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on. Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus.

Everywhere he leads me I would follow on.

 Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go, where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow, with his hand to lead me I will never, never fear; danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near.

Refrain

Down in the valley or upon the mountain steep, close beside my Saviour would my soul ever keep. He will lead me safely in the path that he has trod, up to where they gather on the hills of God.

Refrain

Multi-Lingual Grace

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)

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.

Announcements

- Jazz Vespers Sunday March 30th 4.00pm Featuring Avery Raquel – voice, Jeremy Huccal – keys/piano, Matt McCormack – bass.
- Recital Sunday, April 6 @ 4pm QUARTET MALAMATINA
 presents 'BAILA' (2025 Tour) A celebration of global rhythms
 through the music of Astor Piazzolla, Phillip Houghton, Clarice
 Assad, and world-premiere performances of a new work by
 Kalaisan Kalaichelvan. Pay-what-you-can.
- "WISDOM FOR THE LONG WALK OF FAITH" A lent study at St. Philip's – Tuesday evenings until April 8 – from 7pm – 8.30pm – Facilitated by Fr Mike & Tracy Stuchbery – Call 416-247-5181
- Join us for a series of worship gatherings across our diocese, starting with services at St. James Cathedral on March 22nd and Trinity Church, Streetsville on March 29th at 2pm.
 We will attend the service at Trinity Church, and if you'd like to join us, please sign up and let us know if you need a ride.
- In 2025, our diocese invites parishes to engage with Cast the Net by embracing one or more of the 20 Calls, which encourage spiritual renewal, justice, and faithful ministry. The Netminders have created resources, including a discussion guide and final report, to help guide conversations and decisions within parishes. Together, let us live into our vision of being followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serving the world God loves. For mor information visit www.torontoanglican.ca

March 27, 2025

E Live on Zoom 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join the Zoom meeting

Meeting ID: 836 4278 0447

Passcode: 301597

April 2, 2025

Live on Zoom

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Join the Zoom meeting

Meeting ID: 875 9175 1241

Passcode: 166867

- Eucharist & Bible Study Wednesday March 26th, 2025 10.00 to noon in the Church
- Centering Prayer Every Friday 9.30am Via Zoom
- We would like to remind you that you can place **memorial flowers** at the church on Sundays in honor of your loved one. There are two ways you can do this:
 - ✓ You can make a donation, and we'll take care of purchasing the flowers for you. Just write your preferences on the sheet provided, and we'll handle the arrangements.
 - ✓ Alternatively, you can purchase the flowers yourself and bring them to the church by Saturday morning, and we will be happy to set them up for you. If you'd like, you can also help with the arrangement process!

Final Blessing

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 460 Lord the Light of Your Love Is Shining

1. Lord the Light or Your Love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus light of the world shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light.

- 2. Lord I come to Your awesome presence,
 From the shadows into Your radiance,
 By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
 Shine on me. Shine on me. Refrain
- 3. As we gaze on Your kindly brightness.
 So our faces display Your likeness.
 Ever changing from glory to glory,
 Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
 Shine on me. Shine on me. Refrain

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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