

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

4th Sunday in Lent – March 30, 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.

Baptized persons of any Church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer not to drink the wine, simply return to your seat having received the fullness of Communion in the bread alone. The Diocese of Toronto does not permit dipping the wafer into the cup (intinction).

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

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 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."**

**I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in him.**

3. **I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till traveling days are done.**

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.

Gracious God,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,
evermore give us this bread,
that he may live in us, and we in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Joshua 5:9-12

Reader: Chiagozie Azuh

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

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



♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go.** (*repeats*)

Happy are the pardoned;
their sins forgiven.

**Happy those whom God reckons guiltless,
who have no spirit of deceit.**

♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go.**

Though I did not speak, my bones withered;
I groaned all day long,
with your hand weighing me down,
day in and day out.

**My vey body dried up,
as if in summer's heat.**

My sins I declare to you
I do not hide my guilt.

**I said, "I confess my wrongs to you, Holy One."
You banished my sinful guilt!**

That is why all the faithful
pray to you in times of stress.

Great floods will not harm them.

**Secretly you save me from harm and danger,
surround me with shouts of rescue.**

♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go.**

I will teach you, show you the way you must go;
counsel you, my eyes ever upon you.

**Don't be like a senseless horse or mule,
kept by you only with bit and bridle.**

Pain and grief befall the wicked;

faithful love surrounds those who trust in the Holy One.

Lovers of justice, rejoice and be glad in the Holy One;
shout for joy, you of upright heart.

♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go.** (*repeats*)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader: Kathy Bignell-Jones

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Re - turn to God with all your heart the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful ness of God Re -

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! 'Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ, and inspire its leaders to be living witnesses of your gospel, especially Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; and Anne our Metropolitan and Acting Primate. As you

reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may continue to support life.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion and healing, especially Rick, Pat, Thelma, Myrna, Everton, Gloria, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Tim, Carolyn, Ruth and Irene. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of compassion and mercy, 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; and this week for those who will mourn the loss of loved ones at Celebration of Life services at both homes. 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.**

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found.

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

Hymn 608 *Far, Far Away from My Loving Father*

1. **Far, far away from my loving father,
I had been wand'ring, wayward, wild,
fearing only lest his anger
overtake his sinful child.**

Refrain

**I will arise and go to Jesus,
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
oh, there are ten thousand charms.**

2. 2 Fain had I fed on the husks around me,
till to myself I came, and said,
"Plenty have my father's servants;
perish I for want of bread."

Refrain

3. I will arise, though faint and weary,
home to my father I will go.
Woe to me that e'er I wandered,
ah, that I such need should know.

Refrain

4. 4 "Father," I'll say, "I have sinned before thee,
no more may I be called thy son.
Make me only as thy servant;
pity me, a wretch undone!"

Refrain

5. 5 Then I arose and came to my father.
Mercy amazing! Love unknown!
He beheld me, ran, embraced me,
pardoned, welcomed, called me "son"!

Refrain

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,

ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,



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, Blesséd

Is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blesséd, 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.

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

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

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

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 – Bawo Bawo-Oteri, Communion Assistant– Andrew Batte

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.

 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**

 Rivers Of Babylon

By the rivers of Babylon
where He sat down
and there He wept
when He remembers Zion

'Cause the wicked
carried us away, captivity
required from us a song
How can we sing King of our song
in a strange land?

'Cause the wicked
carried us away, captivity
required from us a song
How can we sing King of our song
in a strange land?

Ah _____


So let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart
be acceptable in thy sight, oh, for right.
So let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable in thy sight, oh, for right.

Ah _____

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.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. 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.**
5. **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.**

 *Multi-Lingual Grace*

**Miigwech
Gan xie ni
Ekele
Asante (X2)**

Kwa watoto wetu wote
Asante

(for all our children)
Thank you Lord

Kwa familia zetu zote
Asante

(for all our families)
Thank you Lord

Kwa ndugu zetu wote
Asante

(for all our siblings)
Thank you Lord

kwa ndugu zetu wote
Asante

(for all our relatives)
Thank you Lord

Miigwech.....

kwa zawadi ya Maisha
Asante

(for the gift of life)
Thank you Lord

Kwa afya bora
Asante

(for good health given to us)
Thank you Lord

kwa mali yote tuliyopewa
Asante

(for all the wealth given to us)
Thank you Lord

Kwa wanyama wote
Asante

(for all animals)
Thank you Lord

Miigwech.....

Kwa upendo wako
Asante

(for all your love, Lord)
Thank you Lord

Kwa zawadi ya furaha
Asante

(for the gift of happiness)
Thank you Lord

Kwa kutoka na kurudi	(for our going out and coming in)
Asante	Thank you Lord
Kwa upendo wako	(for all your love, Lord)
Asante	Thank you Lord

Miigwech.....

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

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God; and in loving memory of Mary and Pat Conway given by their daughters Sharon Conway and Nancie Casement.

- Jazz Vespers – **Today** - 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.
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- Eucharist & Bible Study – Every Wednesday – 10.00 to noon in the Church
- Centering Prayer – Every Friday – 9.30am – Via Zoom
- **Memorial Flowers**
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.
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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.**

 *Spirit, Open My Heart* - X = clap

**I am a new creation,
no more in condemnation,
here in the grace of God, I stand.**

**My heart is overflowing,
my love just keeps on growing
here in the grace of God, I stand.**

**And I will X praise You, Lord,
yes I will X praise You, Lord,
and I will sing of all that You have done.
A joy that knows no limit
a lightness in my spirit
here in the grace of God I stand. (repeat all)**

ending adds

**here in the grace of God I stand.
here in the grace of God I stand.**

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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