

# St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 27, 2025*

A Service of the Word 10:30am



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (detail) – Caravaggio c. 1602*

*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

*Flowers today are to the honor and glory of God; given in loving memory of Douglas Farrell from Donna Farrell and Kathy Bignell-Jones.*

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.**

**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*

*Hymn The Risen Christ*

- 1. The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet,  
from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**
- 2. The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide,  
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,  
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

3. **The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**
4. **May we Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with the oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

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.**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,  
that you have again brought us together  
on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness  
and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,  
and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship  
almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**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.**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we  
may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

O God,

our beginning and our end:

accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and,

by your Spirit's gentle touch,

make us a people forgiven and forgiving;

through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

## Breaking Open the Word

Acts 5:27-32

Reader: Jocelyn Barrows


When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.


**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

 **Praise the Holy One, Hallelujah!** *(repeat)*

Praise! Praise God in the sanctuary  
and in the highest heavens!

**Praise the Holy One's powerful acts  
and many great deeds.**

 **Praise the Holy One, Hallelujah!**


Praise God with the sound of the horn,  
with lute and harp.

**Praise the Holy One with timbrels and dancing,  
with strings and pipes.**

Praise God in the clash of cymbals,  
**with resounding cymbals.**

 **Praise the Holy One, Hallelujah!**

Everything that has breath,  
praise, O praise the Holy One!  
**Praise the Holy One, Hallelujah!**

 **Praise the Holy One, Hallelujah!** (*repeat*)


Revelation 1:4-8

Reader: Peter Kibet

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

 **Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

The Holy Gospel: John 20. 19 — 31

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.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

 **Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Sermon: The Reverend Greg Lane

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Leader: *Greg Lane*

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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and priests, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. We pray especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan and Acting Primate; and for our wardens: Azuh, Rosalind, Ashani and Debbie. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. We pray especially for all who are running for office in our federal election tomorrow. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. We pray especially for those with urgent medical needs: for Carolyn, Pat, Myrna, Gloria, Emmanuel, Tim, Ruth, and Benjamin; for those living with the ongoing challenges that can come with age and with chronic health issues: for Shirley B., Shirley C., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, Pauline, Irene, Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Patricia, Elizabeth, Chris, Geoff, Teslyn, Thelma, Grayson, Bryce, Bill & Shirley H., Ken, Patrick, and Dave. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## Anointing and Healing Prayer

*As we go forward for Communion, we hold those in particular need of prayer for healing before God.*

**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.*

Hymn 649 *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

1. **Breathe on me, breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**
2. **Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine  
to do and to endure.**
3. **Breathe on me breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**
4. **Breathe on me breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

Hymn 232 *Jesus Is Risen from the Grave*

1. **Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
alleluia!**



2. Jesus was seen by Mary,  
Jesus was seen by Mary,  
Jesus was seen by Mary,  
alleluia!
3. Peter will soon be smiling,  
Peter will soon be smiling,  
Peter will soon be smiling,  
alleluia!
4. Thomas will stop his doubting,  
Thomas will stop his doubting,  
Thomas will stop his doubting,  
alleluia!
5. Jesus will meet his people,  
Jesus will meet his people,  
Jesus will meet his people,  
alleluia!
6. Jesus is here in bread and wine,  
Jesus is here in bread and wine,  
Jesus is here in bread and wine,  
alleluia!
7. Jesus will live forever,  
Jesus will live forever,  
Jesus will live forever,  
alleluia!

## 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.*

Hymn 228 *Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!

- 4 That night th'apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be on all here."  
Alleluia!
5. When Tomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!
6. "My piercèd side, O Thomas , see;  
behold my hands, my feet," said he;  
"not faithless, but believing be."  
Alleluia!
7. No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith hath constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days,  
to God our hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

#### Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

## Prayers and Final Responses

### 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.**

### Doxology

**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.**

### *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)*

### Final Blessing

May Christ, who by death has destroyed death, give us all courage and joy in believing, and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with us always. **Amen.**

### 231 *That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright*

1. **That Eastertide with joy was bright;**  
**the sun shone out with fairer light,**  
**alleluia, alleluia!**  
**when, to their longing eyes restored,**  
**the apostles saw their risen Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

2. He bade them see his hands and side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again.  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. From every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed forever shield:  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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