

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Healing Prayer

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.

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

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in loving memory of her husband Joseph Barrows given by Jocelyn Barrows.

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 465 *Here in This Place*

1. **Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in — the lost and forsaken;
gather us in — the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

2. We are the young — our lives are a mystery;
we are the old — who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in — the rich and the haughty;
gather us in — the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in — all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

God of glory, whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death
and found life in the darkness:
may his love be our law, so that, undimmed by fear,
we may witness to the power of new birth,
through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Acts 11:1-18

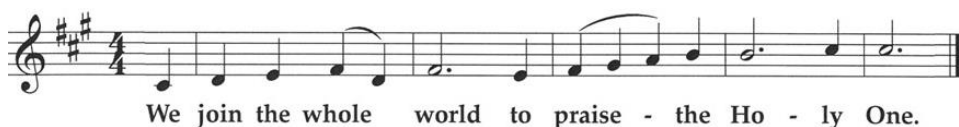
Reader: *Robbie Walker*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148



All: Hallelujah!

Praise the Holy One from the heavens!
Sing praises in the heights above!
**Sing praises, all holy angels;
all the heavenly host, praise the Holy Name.**

♪ We join the whole world to praise the Holy One.

Sun and moon, sing praises;
sing praises all bright stars.
Sing praises, you heaven of heavens
and you waters above the heavens.
Praise the Holy One's name,
**the One whose command created them all
and fixed their orbits for ever and ever
by a law which shall never be broken.**

♪ We join the whole world to praise the Holy One.


Praise the Holy One from the earth,
sea monsters and ocean depths,
fire and hail, snow and smoke,
mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and cedars,
wild beasts and cattle,
reptiles and winged birds.
Praise the Holy One, world rulers and all peoples,
leaders and judges,
young men, young women,
old and young together.

♪ We join the whole world to praise the Holy One.

Let them praise your name, O Holy One,
for your name alone is exalted.
Your majesty covers heaven and earth.

**You have lifted up your people's horn
with praise from all your faithful ones,
from Israel, those close to your heart.**

All: Hallelujah!

 **We join the whole world to praise the Holy One. (repeat)**


Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: *Areana Maina*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

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 he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

Affirmation of Faith

Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the God of life and goodness,
In the Christ who brings us home,
In the Spirit who comforts and keeps us,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In our many gifts for serving,
In the call of each disciple,
In the church whose work is love,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the saints who pray for us,
In the scriptures that bring us truth,
In the sacraments that give grace,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the hope of resurrection,
In the rising to eternal life,
In the dawning of God's reign,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

May we ever be true to all we believe,

And, our song ever be "Alleluia!" Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: *Maddy MacGregor*

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.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Embolden our clergy to share that same love in Christ's name with all people, praying especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; and Anne our Metropolitan and Acting Primate. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places, even here in the City of Toronto. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, coping with the challenges of ageing, or facing illness, especially for Christine, Kathy, Carolyn, Myrna, Nancy, Gloria, Jill, Emmanuel, Tim, Ruth, Benjamin, Rick, and Shirley H.; for Shirley B., Shirley C., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, Pauline, Bill, and Irene; and for Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Patricia, Elizabeth, Chris, Geoff, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Ken, Patrick, and Dave. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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.

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.

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

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – once we were no people,
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
The peace of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you!

The Offertory

Hymn 589 *Come, O God of All the Earth* (cantor and **congregation**)

1. Come, O God of all the earth:
come to us, O righteous one;
come, and bring our love to birth
in the glory of your Son.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you.

2. Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name:
may our lives your love confess.

Refrain

3. Come, O God of flashing light,
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one.

Refrain

4. Come, O God of snow and rain:
shower down upon the earth;
come, O God of joy and pain,
God of sorrow, God of mirth.

Refrain

5. Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease:
bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

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:



**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,
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.

Anointing and Healing Prayer

As we go forward for Communion, we hold those in particular need of prayer for healing before God, especially Christine, Carolyn, Kathy, Myrna, Nancy, Gloria, Jill, Emmanuel, Tim, Ruth, Benjamin, Rick and Shirley H. 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: Andrew Batte / Areana Maina

Communion Assistant: Andrew Batte



A New Commandment

**A new commandment You give unto us,
That we love one another as You have loved us,
That we love one another as You have loved us.**

**By this shall all know we are Your disciples,
If we have love one for another,
By this shall all know we are Your disciples,
If we have love one for another.**

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 312 *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

Refrain

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

1. **Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord
and play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.**

Refrain

2. **Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
- He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.**

Refrain

3. **Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.**

Refrain



We Are One In the Spirit

1. **We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord. (*repeat*)
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 go with each other,
we will go hand in hand. (*repeat*)
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. (*repeat*)
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.

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, forever and ever.
Amen.

Announcements

- Final Recital for the season – **(Today)** Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 4pm – Featuring Diapente Vocal Ensemble. Admission as always is pay-what-you-can.
- St. Philips - Spring Sale – Saturday May 24th from 10.00am to 3.00pm – For info call Donna 416-901-3558
- Jazz Vespers - Sunday, May 25 @ 4pm - Featuring Scott Marshall - saxophone, Robi Botos – Piano, Dave Young - Bass. Pay-what-you-can.
- St. Philips – Spring Tea – Saturday June 21st from 1.30pm to 3.30pm - For info call Donna 416-901-3558
- Eucharist & Bible Study – Every Wednesday – 10.00 to 12pm in the Church
- Centering Prayer – Every Friday – 9.30am – Via Zoom
- St. Philip's Community Garden – Cultivating a culture of abundance and reciprocity. Want to be a part of the team?
Contact Tracy Stuchbery – 647-270-7257 or tracy.stuchbery@gmail.com
- We would like to remind you that you can place memorial flowers at the church on Sundays in honor of your loved ones. 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.
 - ✓ Alternatively, you can purchase the flowers yourself and bring them to the church by Saturday morning.
- If you're looking for a venue for a special occasion, our parish hall is available for rent! For more information or to book your event, please contact church office 416-247-5181
- ReconciliAction Symposium – Saturday May 24 – 12pm - In the ten years since the release of the "Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada 94 calls to Action" little progress has been made. Join an afternoon of engaging presentations and discussions with three prominent leaders from the First Nations community. For more info Contact Tracy or Michele Parkin or visit www.theredeemer.ca
- Come, Read, Discuss – **The 94 Calls to action from the TRC** - Tuesday May 20th 7pm – at the Rectory. Use the sign up sheet.

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.

Hymn 330 *O praise ye the Lord!*

1. **O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**
2. **O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.**
3. **O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.**
4. **O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

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Psalm Refrain: *Songs for the Holy One.*