St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke Pentecost, June 8, 2025 197th Parish Anniversary 10:30 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

The flowers for the sanctuary today are given with grateful thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings hat has bestowed upon us for 197 years as St Philip's parish celebrates its 197th anniversary today.

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

■ Our Little Church Lies On the Hill
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 Our little church lies on the hill, Above the river flowing free. Bringing God's Word of love and care, And standing firm for you and me.

- 2. Though ages pass God does not change, God's love is constant, true, and free. Come gather here and look to God, who holds us dear, both you and me.
- God will give comfort, love and peace, when troubled souls on bended knee, Ask God for pardon and for grace, Mercy is giv'n to you and me.
- This house of God which is our home, Above the river flowing free, Bids fondly come and offer praise, God's waiting here for you and me.
- Our little church lies on the hill, Above the river flowing free.
 Bringing God's Word of love and care, And standing firm for you and me.

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.

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire: strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Acts 2:1-21

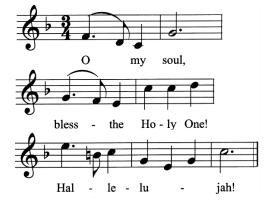
Reader: Michele Parkin

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37b

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



O my soul, bless the Holy One! Hallelujah! (repeat)

You send out springs for the streams that flow between the mountains,

where all wild animals drink

and wild asses quench their thirst.

The birds of the air live beside them and sing among the foliage.

You water the mountains from your palace; the world is satisfied by your harvests.

O my soul, bless the Holy One! Hallelujah!

You make grass grow for cattle and plants for people to tend, to produce food from the ground, wine to gladden human hearts, oil to make faces glow, and food to satisfy all hearts.

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The water nourishes your trees, **the cedars of Lebanon which you planted**, where birds build their nests and storks make their home in the firs.

The high mountains are home for the wild goats and the rocky crags for the badgers.

The moon marks its seasons; the sun knows its time to rise and set. Young lions roaring after their prey seek their meat from God. At sunrise they steal away and stretch out in their dens. People go out to their work and labour until evening.

O my soul, bless the Holy One! Hallelujah! (repeat)

Romans 8:14-17

Reader: Louisa Njau

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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The Holy Gospel: John 14:8-17 ;25-27

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.

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon: The Rev. 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: The Rev. Greg Lane

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

On this, our Anniversary Sunday, let us pray with confidence, boldness, gratitude, and humility.

For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible symbol and for Greg our Deacon, Mike our Incumbent, Kevin, Riscylla and Andrew our bishops, and Anne our Metropolitan and acting Primate. **We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name, **We thank you, Lord.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism, for healing, comfort and strength for those who are unwell, especially Patricia, Kathy, Shirley H., Emmanuel, and Rick; and for those living in long-term care or otherwise coping with the challenges that can come age, Shirly B, Shirley C, Carmen, Jim, Herman, Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John, Eleanor, Bill, Pauline, and Irene. **We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us remembering especially Gloria Ellis; and we pray her family who grieve their loss, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the fellowship of all your saints, and especially for Philip, our patron, **We thank you, Lord.**

A Brief Reflective Silence

Remember us when we risk welcoming the stranger, when in language, hospitality, evangelism and service, we employ imagination rather than rules that we might be encouraged and surprised by joy.

God, remember your congregation, our congregation.

Should we become introverted, suspicious of the stranger, obsessed with dead rather than with living stones, suffocated by tradition, remember us.

God, remember your congregation, our congregation.

Remember us,

that we might be renewed by the power of your Holy Spirit, together embracing the future that is yours and ours with a ready faith and a willing grace.

God, remember your congregation, our congregation.

May we be a place, and a people, where faith is nurtured, hearts are comforted, and gifts shared for the good of all.

May we be a place, and a people, offering resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, and fierce love in the face of violence.

May we be a place, and a people, where human dignity is defended.

May we be members of a community held and inspired by You, corrected and comforted, instruments of the loving Spirit of Christ, creation's mending. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

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.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

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

643 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

 Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night. We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light. We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too. Break upon your congregation, give us vigour, life anew.

- 2. Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new. Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you. Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love. Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.
- 3. Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do. Teach us love and trusting kindness, lend our hands to those who hurt. Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; heaven itself cannot contain you and your glory fills all the world. You accept our setting apart of places for your worship and in them pour out your gifts of grace upon your faithful people. This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar, where your saints and angels praise you. Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son; here we have been fed with the body and blood of your Son; here our sins have been forgiven; here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom. Grant that in these mysteries we may be united with one another and strengthened for service in your world. Therefore with angels and archangels and those who worship you in every age, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

 Holy, holy, holy Lord, Gi - chi Ma - ni - do, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us sing.

Baba yetu, yetu uliye mbinguni yetu, yetu amina! Baba yetu, yetu uliye m jina lako e litukuzwe. (2X)

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.			

Baba yetu, yetu uliye mbinguni yetu, yetu amina! Baba yetu, yetu uliye m jina lako e litukuzwe. Oo_____

Ufalme wako ufike utakalo Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni. Amina. Oo_ Baba yetu, yetu uliye mbinguni yetu, yetu amina! Baba yetu, yetu uliye m jina lako e litukuzwe. (2X)

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.**

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

Assistant: Robbie Walker

Hymn 646 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

- Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make our hearts your home; descend with all your gracious pow'rs: O come, great Spirit, come!
- Come as the light: to us reveal our emptiness and woe, and lead us in those paths of life wherein the righteous go.
- Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame; let our whole life an offering be to our Redeemer's name.

- 4. Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love; and let your church on earth become blest as the church above.
- Come as the wind, with rushing sound and Pentecostal grace, that all of woman born may see the glory of your face.
- Spirit divine, attend our prayers, make this lost world your home descend with all your gracious pow'rs: O come, great Spirit, come!

647 Spirit of the Living God

- Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, self-less, sharing – Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!
- Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; break me, melt me, mould me, fill me – Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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You Are Good

We are members from Barbados! Some of you may know us. If you look us up and down, you will see we are good!

Indeed you are good! Indeed your are good! Indeed you are good! You are good! You are good!

> Barbados Bangladesh China England Guyana

Ireland Jamaica Kenya Nigeria Netherlands Singapore St. Kitts & Nevis St. Vincent and the Grenadines Sri Lanka Trinidad and Tobago Uganda USA

Ending verse

We are all Canadians Worshipping at St. Philip's If you look at us up and down You will see we are good

Indeed you are good! Indeed your are good! Indeed you are good! You are good! You are good!

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

- St. Philips Spring Tea Saturday June 21st from 1.30pm to 3.30pm For info call Donna 416-901-3558
- Centering Prayer Every Friday 9.30am Via Zoom
- Summer Services schedule June / July

15-Jun	10am	Holy Eucharist				
22-Jun	10am	Holy Eucharist				
29-Jun	10am	Holy Eucharist				
06-Jul	10am	Service of Word				
13-Jul	10am	Holy Eucharist				
20-Jul	10am	Service of Word				
27-Jul	10am	Holy Eucharist				

- 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 <u>tracy.stuchbery@gmail.com</u>
- 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

Final Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing enabling Spirit be with you every step on the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 433 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

- Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all fervour, draw us closer in community; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let your priests, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty' with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves. **Thanks be to God.**

🕄 197 Years: A Living Story of St. Philip's 🕄

Nearly two centuries ago, on a quiet stretch of land by the Humber River, a small group of faithful pioneers gathered with a dream of what would become St. Philip's Anglican Church. It was 1828 - adifferent world, yet the same enduring call: to love, to serve, to belong : to live out the Gospel.

They came to worship.

To pray.

To ask questions, learn together, and love one another in Christ's name.

Through wind and weather, through world wars and weddings, through baptisms and farewells, this sacred place has stood — not just as bricks and beams, but as a beating heart of faith. And so they built — not just a church of stone and wood, but a community rooted in grace.



ST. PHILIPS CHURCH . ETOBICUKE IN MAY 1940

The sketch you see here, drawn with care by Ian Clarkson, captures a moment in May, 1940 of that long unfolding story.

A moment where stone meets sky, and memory meets hope. We are part of this story now — chapter 197. Each of us, a verse in the song that has echoed from this place for nearly two centuries.

We are still that church. Loving one another. Growing together in Christ. Living with gratitude. Reaching out with Good News.

Today, on our 197th anniversary, we give thanks for the story we inherit and the mission we carry - into every street, every heart, every tomorrow.

Happy 197th Anniversary, St. Philip's.

The story continues...

"From generation to generation, You have been our dwelling place." — Psalm 90:1 Copyright notices and licensing: Permission to print and podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License #A-712212. All rights reserved.

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