# St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke June 15, 2025 - World Refugee Sunday - Trinity Father's Day - 10:00 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 people 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.

We welcome The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess who will be presiding at our Sunday services in the absence of the Reverend Mike Stuchbery while he is away on sabbatical.



Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

In memory of the Indigenous children who never made it home given by Pearl Blanchard.

In loving memory and honor of all fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers around the world, with gratitude for their love, guidance, and lasting impact on our lives given by Amanda.

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

Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for the love of God welcomes us all. Here in this place, there are no outsiders, for the love of God embraces us all. Here in this place, there are no strangers, for the love of God unites us all. Come, let us worship God in unity and love.

### 1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

- Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
- 2. Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; chreubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

God, we come into Your presence with praise and thanksgiving. You have searched us, known us, cared for us, and welcomed us as daughters and sons. In You, we find our home.

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.

God of heaven and earth, Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation and life-giving Spirit of wisdom: guide us into all truth, so that we may proclaim Christ revealed and rejoice in his glory. Praise to you, blessed, holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. **Amen.**  Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

#### Reader: Peter Lee

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

### Psalm 8

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



### An we ever honour the Holy One, our Creator.

O Holy One, our Sovereign, how wonderful is your name throughout the world! Your majesty is spread over the heavens. Even the mouths of babes and sucklings have proclaimed your power to overcome your enemies and to put an end to foe and avenger.

### Any we ever honour the Holy One, our Creator.

When I consider your heavens, made by your fingers,

the moon and the stars you set in place, what are we that you should remember us or we mortals that you notice us?

But you make us little less than God, crown us with glory and honour. Give us dominion over your handiwork, put all things under our feet: sheep and cattle, all of them, even the wild beasts, birds of the air, fish of the sea, all that travel the paths of the sea.

#### A May we ever honour the Holy One, our Creator.

O Holy One, our Sovereign, how wonderful is your name throughout the world!

### May we ever honour the Holy One, our Creator. (repeat)

Romans 5:1-5

Reader: Kennedy Stevens

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

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The Holy Gospel: John 16:12-15

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.

Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon - The Reverend Canon Micheal Burgess

# Affirmation of Faith

### This we believe.

(*Left side of church*) That it is central to the mission of Christ to participate, by word and action, in the struggles of the poor for justice, to share justly the earth's land and resources, to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty, to accompany the uprooted and to welcome the stranger, and to witness to the love of God for all people of the earth.

### This we believe.

(*Right side of church*) That we are called to become the Church of the Stranger, to open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which may come to us through the foreigner, to take the risk of speaking out on behalf of those who are different from us, and to see that when we minister to the stranger, the uprooted, we are serving our Lord and Saviour.

This we believe. That Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays that we might be one, so that the world may believe. And to this we are committed for the love of God in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Ashani Weerasinghe

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

We remember before God all those who have been uprooted from their homes and communities – people who are compelled to flee for their lives, to leave their land and culture, and live apart from their families. With them, we mourn their loss of dignity, community, resources, and employment. We especially pray for the women who are the majority of those displaced. We remember the work that women do to keep families together, to nurture community and end violence and injustice.

We remember the millions of children whose lives are marked by danger and exploitation.

We remember those who are persecuted because of their gender, sexuality, race, or creed.

We pray for the women, the men, the children, and the elderly, who seek safety and solace, who yearn to begin new lives. For all the uprooted, sheltering God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We remember before God those countries where people must leave their homes because of war, injustice, and violence.

We remember those places which have been made unsafe by land mines, and all those who have been killed or maimed by land mines. We remember those in our own homeland who live with violence and its brutal threat. For all people terrified by violence, Gentle God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for those who leave their homes for economic survival; we remember that the gap between rich and poor gets wider, and the earth's resources are shared by fewer people.

We pray for those who pay the cost of international debt with their lives. We remember the homeless and poorly housed and the unemployed in our own communities. For all people displaced by economic disparity, God of justice, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We remember before God those who leave their homes because of earthquakes, storms, floods, and other disasters. We acknowledge the effects of deforestation, degradation of farm land, nuclear and weapons testing, and the exploitation of resources for the sake of consumers in other countries.

We remember those in our own communities who have been hurt by poor stewardship of creation. For all people displaced by devastation of your world, Creator God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We give thanks to you, God, for the world's diversity of peoples and cultures. We pray that hostility and indifference may give way to hospitality and justice.

Help us to be vigilant stewards and faithful partners, and strengthen us to live as people of your creation, committed and bold in deeds of justice. God of all, you taught us through your Son to seek the signs of your reign in the tiny mustard seed. Plant your word deep in the soil of our hearts, sow in us the seeds of compassion; let your hospitality take root within us, and your compassion grow in us, so righteousness may spring forth in all the world, and your holy will be done. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

# **Confession and Absolution**

Knowing that our God walks with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy. For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and your people. For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to our God: God, have mercy on us and on your people. For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God: God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God: **God, have mercy on us and on your people.**  Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with hospitality. Amen.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

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

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Jesus, You Tell Me

Refrain

Jesus, you tell me -Whatever I do to the least of your fam'ly -I do to you. (2X) to you

They are hungry. Can I offer food? -They are thirsty. Can I bring them drink? -They are all strangers. Can I welcome them, welcome them?

They are homeless. Can I offer shelter? -They are injured. Can I care for them? -They are in prison. Can I visit them, visit them? *Refrain*  I am hungry. Will they offer food? -I am thirsty. Will they bring a drink? -I am a stranger. Will they welcome me, welcome me?

I am homeless. Will they offer shelter? -I am injured. Will they care for me? -I am in prison. Will they visit me, visit me? *Refrain* 

Christ is hungry. Will we offer food? -Christ is thirsty. Will we bring a drink? -Christ is a stranger. Will we welcome them, welcome them?

Christ is homeless. Will we offer shelter? -Christ is injured. Will we care for them? -Christ is in prison. Will we visit them, visit them? *Refrain* 

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. 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; we give you thanks and praise, because, in the mystery you disclose to us, you reveal your glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. Therefore with all the company of heaven we raise our voices 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 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

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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.

# Anointing and Healing Prayer

As we go forward for Communion, we hold those in particular need of prayer for healing before God, especially Patricia, Kathy, Shirley H, Emmanuel, Rick, Jason, Heather, Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Elizabeth, Chris, Geoff & Carolyn, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Ken, Patrick, Dave, Myrna, and Ruth. 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. Having received communion all who wish may come forward for prayer and anointing by our prayer team.

Server: Maddy MacGregor / Areana Maina

Communion Assistant: Maddy MacGregor

Hymn 500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

- 1. Won't you, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
   I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6. Won't you, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

### Deep In Our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision; Deep in our hearts there is a common song; Deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose; Deep in our hearts there is a common goal; Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing; Deep in our hearts there is a common theme; Deep in our hearts there is a common current, flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision; Deep in our hearts there is a common song; Deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

### 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** (*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 (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 (Repeats)

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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
- 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 God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways. May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light. **Amen.** 

### Closing Hymn

### Hymn 575 Let Streams of Living Justice

- Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power' abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
- For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.
- 3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language; we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams, our love in hand of neighbor: our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried; your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

### Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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