# St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke Pride Sunday June 29, 2025 10.00am - 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.

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 sabhatical

### Gathering of the Community

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in loving memory of Mother Eva, and other relatives given by Ellis family

Also to the honour and glory of God and in loving celebration and thanksgiving for their 61st Wedding Anniversary by Loretto and Kenneth Hillis.

#### Declaration

As a Community of Faith, we affirm the following declaration.

Our faith community wishes to tell the 2SLGBTQ+ community that you are welcome here. Many voices have been attacking the Trans and Drag communities, and queer people in general. Today, we speak out in favour of equitable conversation and hospitable love. We believe that God loves all human beings, of all sexualities and gender expressions. Too often religion has been used to express hate, which leads to fear and violence. We condemn justifying hate in the name of religion. Today we add our voice to those of many faiths across the country to state clearly that you are welcome here. God loves you. We want you to be safe here where we worship, and everywhere you go. Let us remember that we are all the children of God, who calls on us to love and support each other. We wish you a Happy Pride celebration.

Creator, you made all people of every land in your image, and entrusted them with the care of the earth.

nd 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.

# Come, Let Us Worship God

Come, let us worship God Come, let us worship God Welcome everyone To the love of God

Rest for the weary Rest for the weary Welcome everyone To the love of God

Food for the hungry Food for the hungry Welcome everyone To the love of God

Hope for the children Hope for the children Welcome everyone To the love of God

Come, sing the circle wide Come, sing the circle wide Welcome everyone To the love of God

This is St. Philip's This is St. Philip's Welcome everyone To the love of God Come, let us worship God Come, let us worship God

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

#### Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life. Grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Breaking Open the Word**

Ezekiel 34:11-16 Reader: Jocelyn Barrows

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 87

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



## Glorious things are sung for you, O Holy One! (repeat)

On the holy mountain stands the city founded by God

The Holy One loves the gates of Zio

The Holy One loves the gates of Zion more than all Jacob's homes.

Glorious things are spoken of you,

O City of God!

I mention Rahab and Babylon among those who acknowledge me. Philistia, Tyre and Cush – each was born there.

# Glorious things are sung for you, O Holy One!

Truly it shall be said Zion,

"Everyone was born there.

The most High established her."

The Holy One will enter in the list of peoples,

"This one was born here"

Singers and dancers will sing,

"All my springs of hope are in you."

# Glorious things are sung for you, O Holy One! (repeat)

#### 2 Timothy 4:1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Reader: Eric Kiragu

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John 21:15-19

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 they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Robbie Walker

### The Prayers of the People

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

Leader: Greg Lane

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. As you raised up apostles like Peter and Paul, raise us up to share your life-giving gospel. Enrich the proclamation of bishops, priests, deacons, and all the baptized. Here at St. Philip's, we pray especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Fr Michael, who is presiding for us today, Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan and our newly elected Primate.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth. As you rescued Paul from the lion's mouth, rescue your creation from harm. Sustain fragile ecosystems; watch over dwindling numbers of insects, birds, and fish; and open our hearts to regard this earth as a gift. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

We pray for the nations. As you bid Peter to feed your sheep, bid our leaders to feed all in need and work for their good. Make peace in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia and all places of conflict, and bring justice to each community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

We pray for all who suffer. As you stood by Paul and gave him strength, stand by all who know loneliness, and give strength to all who know persecution. Comfort those in grief Gloria Ellis's family and heal those who are facing urgent medical issues especially Kathy, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Rick, Jason, and Heather and for those living with ongoing issues Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Elizabeth, Chris, Geoff, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Bill, Ken, Patrick, Bridget, David H and Dave. Channel our restlessness into your work in the world. God of grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. As you freed Peter from prison, free us from lethargy and fear. Loose the chains of timidity and doubt, and teach us to pray fervently. Strengthen the ministry of prison chaplains and ministries, and accompany all who are incarcerated and their families.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We pray and thank you for those in our congregation and families who identify themselves as Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual orientations and gender identities. On this Pride Sunday we ask you to bless them and empower them with your healing and life-giving Spirit that they may show forth your joy in their whole lives and witness to your love in this world. God of grace, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who rest in your eternal mercy specially Gloria Ellis.

As you reserved a crown of righteousness for Gloria, reserve for us a place in your heavenly kingdom, and bring us to life that knows no end. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.** 

### Confession and Absolution

In peace, we can let your light touch our deepest being, Rock of Ages, Rainbow of Love.

We slip, we err, we lose our way.

In quiet moments, we can confess the sin that has harmed us and the sin by which others have been harmed.

We often behave as if we are not loved, as if you do not love every other creature, as if we are not lovable at all.

Touch us with your light and forgive us, we pray.

Let us glow with the rainbow light of love.

Love persists.

Love knocks on the door and doesn't stop. Love waits for us to open and welcome it in. Be assured that you are lovable and loved. Be assured that you have endless love within you because you are God's beloved child. And may 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 **Amen.** 

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

### The Offertory

■ We Are a Rainbow

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill, We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light, We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore, We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

Chorus:

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace, For the flood of tears will finally cease to be, Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky, Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads, Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace, God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade, In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

Chorus

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day, We are peace in a world that's torn apart, We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face, We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

Chorus

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone, For our God will be with us on the way, Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more, As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

Chorus

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Almighty God, receive all we offer you on this feast of the apostles. Help us to know our own weakness and to rejoice in your saving power, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 the Lord our God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory

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.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you,

this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name 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)

CANTOR: 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

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.
So may your Church be gathered

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Server – Andrew Batte

Communion Assistant - Maddy MacGregor

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.

#### Communion Music



1. 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.

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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

Gan xie ni

Ekele

**Asante** (Repeats)

#### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

renew the life of your Church

by the power of this sacrament.

May the breaking of bread and the teaching of the apostles keep us united in your love,

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

• Summer Services schedule – July / August

Date	Time	Service
06-Jul	10am	Service of Word
13-Jul	10am	Holy Eucharist
20-Jul	10am	Service of Word
27-Jul	10am	Holy Eucharist
03-Aug	10am	Holy Eucharist

- 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
- 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

Siblings in Christ,

let us go with hearts full of courage,

that we might practice love that disrupts bigotry.

Let us go with hands that are not weapons or gestures

but the touch of love and care.

Let us go with minds open to experiencing God

in ways strange and unexpected, in ways ordinary and everyday.

Let us go with joy, for the Creator of all life goes with us.

And may the blessing of God,

the Source of all being, eternal Word and

Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

# Sing a New World into Being

Sing a new world into being.
 Sound a bold and hopeful theme.
 Find a tune for silent yearnings.
 Lend your voice and dare to dream:

dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong. Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!

- 2. Sing a new world into being, where each gender, class, and race brings its rainbow gifts and colours to God's limitless embrace; where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind. Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind.
- 3. Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home, where no children ever hunger but are filled with God's shalom; where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease. Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.
- 4. Sing a new world into being.
  Join the ancient prophet's cry
  for a time of health and plenty
  when all tears have been wiped dry;
  when compassion flows like waters,
  pouring balm for all who grieve.
  Sing a new world into being:
  live the promise you believe!

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

Thanks be to God.

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