

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Pentecost 4 – July 6, 2025

A Service of the Word 10:00am



*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*

*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.*

Gathering of the Community

Flowers today are to the honor and glory of God; given in loving memory of Hazel Williams and loved ones given by Connie Williams.

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

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

**It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect
to those who first occupied this land we are upon.**

**We give thanks to the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee
and Anishinabek Nations,
and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation:
the first peoples of this land.**

**We offer our respect to those ancestors
who may be buried in this land.**

**We are also thankful
for the gifts of the people of the land.**

**Creator let us be of good mind
to reconcile the mistreatment
of this land and those who have been displaced.**

**Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks
for Indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada.**

**Give us sincere and open hearts
so that we may embrace the work
of reconciliation to which you call your Church.**

**With thankful and respectful hearts,
we pray in Your name,
Your Son the Peacemaker
and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.**

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Hymn 385 *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness*

- 1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring and adore him: the Lord is his name!**
- 2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

3. **Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**
4. **These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**
5. **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring and adore him: the Lord is his name!**

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,
that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

God, whose kingdom comes near:
share with us the authority that sets others free
and send us on the way of challenge and conversion;
through Jesus, who empowers us. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

2 Kings 5:1-14

Reader: Michele Parkin

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!

Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30



♪ **Holy One, our God, forever we will praise you.** (*repeats*)

I exalt you, O Holy One,

Because you lift me up

and do not allow enemies to triumph over me.

O Holy One my God, I cry to you!

You heal me!

You bring me out of the nether world

and save me from among those going down to the Pit.

Sing to the Holy One, you faithful people;

praise God's holy name,

whose anger is but for a moment,

whose favour lasts a lifetime.

There may be tears in the evening,

but joy comes with the dawn.

♪ **Holy One, our God, for ever we will praise you.**

When I prosper I say,

"I shall never be overthrown."

By your favour you make me stand on a great mountain.

When you hide your face I am terrified.

To you I call;

I appeal to you.

What profit is there in my death?

Can dust praise you?

Can it proclaim your faithfulness?

Listen to me, Holy One! Have mercy on me!

Please be my help!

Turn my sorrow to dancing;

tear off my mourning clothes;

fill me with joy that I may sing your praises

without weeping.

O Holy One, my God,

forever I will praise you!

♪ **Holy One, our God, forever we will praise you.** (*repeats*)

Galatians 6: 1-16

Reader: Eric Kiragu

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!** (*music 324*)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

 **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!** (*music 324*)

Sermon: The Reverend Greg Lane

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Maddy MacGregor

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

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.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Centre the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially Patricia, Kathy, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Rick, Jason, Heather and also for the faith of those who have gone before us remembering especially Gloria Ellis, Chris Gibbs; and we pray for their families who grieve their loss. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly.

Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts for the support of the ministry of the Church.

 *Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

1. **You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
— wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. *Refrain***
2. **You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land
and when they were blinded by their idols and lies;
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***
3. **You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world stood still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew thro' your people on the rush of the wind.**

Refrain

4. **You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.**

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

God of heaven and earth,
receive our sacrifice of praise,
and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers and Final Responses

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.


**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Doxology

**Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

On this first Sunday of the month, we share news of July birthdays: Eric Hanbury, Joan Barltrop, Ruth Nagy, Alice Chard, Tony Ilchyna and Bill Humphries.

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**God give you many, many years
To give thanks for your blessings here;
And many, many, many more
To see the good God has in store.**

- Centering Prayer – Every Friday – 9.30am – Via Zoom
- Summer Services schedule – July / August

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

May God keep us in all our days.
 May Christ shield us in all our ways.
 May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.
 May the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us
 and pour upon us blessing and light. **Amen.**

Hymn 259 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

- 1. For the fruit of all creation,
 thanks be to God;
 gifts bestowed on every nation,
 thanks be to God.
 For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
 silent growth while we are sleeping,
 future needs in earth's safekeeping,
 thanks be to God.**
- 2. In the just reward for labour,
 God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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