St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke Pentecost 5 July 13, 2025 - 10:00 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.

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honor and glory of God; given in loving memory of Graham and Malynda Montgomery given by Thana, Marcus, Paige and Miles.

Also to the honor and glory of God; given in loving memory of Rev. Cannon George and Ellen Thompson given by Frances Clarkson.

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 306 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

- 2. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3. He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 4. Hear him ye deaf, ye voiceless ones your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 5. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy 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.

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.

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through 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

Amos 7:7-17

Reader: Kennedy Stevens

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

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

Psalm 82

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



God stands in the divine assembly

giving judgement against the gods.

"How long will you gods pervert justice, taking sides with the wicked? You must defend the poor and the orphan; you must uphold the cause of the destitute. You must rescue the helpless poor, ensure their rights against the power of the wicked."

Holy One, yours is the earth and all its peoples.

Those gods are ignorant, without understanding; they hustle about in darkness.

The very foundations of the world are shaken. I may have said, "you are gods, all offspring of the Most High." Nonsense! You will surely die like all humanity, come crashing down as all rulers do!

Holy One! Come! Judge the world! Yours is the earth and all its peoples.

Holy One, yours is the earth and all its peoples. (repeat)

Colossians 1:1-14

Reader: Mieke Nicholson

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon: Nigel Weaver

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God. the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Greg Lane

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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage priests, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. We pray especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan and Shane our Primate. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially, Kathy, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Rick, Jason and Heather. And we pray for those living in long term care facilities or are who limited in their mobility by advanced age: for Shirley B., Shirley C., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, Shirley and Bill, Pauline, and Irene. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known, remembering especially Harrison Ezumba and we pray for their families who grieve their loss. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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

Hymn 504 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain Je – su, — Je – su, fills us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2. Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in colour and race, neighbours are near and far away. *Refrain*
- 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbours to us and you. *Refrain*
- Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves; this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*
- 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet; this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake 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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might heaven and earth are full full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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.

Server: Bawo Bawo-Oteri

Assistant: Oma Bawo-Oteri

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.

- 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*
- 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*

Hymn 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

- You call us, Lord, to be

 a people set apart,
 to feel with thoughtful mind
 to think with tender heart.

 Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.
- 2. You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too, to take the risk and dare to show what love can do. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

- 3. You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth; to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.
- You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we might live, to know we best receive when joyfully we give. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

J 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.

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. 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

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

Date	Time	Service
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 <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.

Hymn 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways. Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
- 3. Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control. Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, less we miss your kingdom's goal, less we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Dismissal

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

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