St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Pentecost 6

Healing Prayer

July 20, 2025 - 10:00 Service of Word



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.

We welcome our guest organist Eric Hanbury

Organ Prelude - Cornett Voluntary - Connor Licharz

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in loving and grateful thanksgiving for our church and parishioners.

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 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes; most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

- Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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. Ever-faithful God, whose being is perfect righteousness: you reconcile us in your Son with the helpless and the needy, with those we would ignore or oppress, and with those we call our enemies, so that we, as your hands of love, may serve all people and sit at the feet of those who need our compassionate care. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Amos 8:1-12

Reader: Robbie Walker

This is what the Lord God showed me - a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and from, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

Psalm 52



Holy One, we will praise you for ever, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Brave hero! Why parade your crimes? How you scheme against decent people! Your tongue plots destruction;. you deal in treachery sharp as a razor. You love evil more than good and prefer lying to telling the truth. You love destructive words and a deceitful tongue.

Be sure the Holy One will ruin you forever, break you, tear you out of your tent, and root you out of the land of the living. Faithful people will look on with awe, but joke against the wicked, saying,

"There was a fellow who sought no refuge in God, but trusted in his great wealth and relied on being destructive."

As for me, I am like an olive tree in the house of the Holy One, whose faithful love I trust to all eternity.

I will praise you forever for what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Holy One, we will praise you for ever, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Colossians 1:15-28

Reader: Areana Maina

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through

the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

J Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (music 324)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

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.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

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

Sermon: Jean Ward

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: Ashani Weerasinghe

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.

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Embolden our clergy to share that same love in Christ's name with all people. 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.

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices.

Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair especially for Kathy, Jason, Heather, Myrna, Emmanuel, Rick, and Shirley H.; for Shirley B., Shirley C., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, Pauline, Shirley and Bill, and Irene; and for Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Patricia, Elizabeth, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Ken, Patrick, Ruth, Bridget, David and Dave. Wipe away every tear. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

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

Anointing and Healing Prayer

We hold those in particular need of prayer for healing before God especially Kathy, Jason, Heather, Myrna, Emmanuel, Rick, and Shirley H.; for Shirley B., Shirley C., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, Pauline, Shirley and Bill, and Irene; and for Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Patricia, Elizabeth, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Ken, Patrick, Ruth, Bridget, David and Dave.

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.

All who wish may come forward for prayer and anointing by our prayer team.

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.

Hymn 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

- 2. Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
- Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair? Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.

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..... 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..... 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)

Announcements

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

27-Jul	10am	Holy Eucharist
03-Aug	10am	Holy Eucharist
10-Aug	10am	Holy Eucharist
17-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 505 Be Thou My Vision

- Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3. Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal

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

Postlude - Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae" - Lynnwood Farnam

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