St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke Pentecost 11 - August 24, 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.

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.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in thanksgiving and loving memory of loved ones who we lost given by Rosalind Chahal.

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

355 All Creatures of Our God and King

 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia!
 Bright burning sun and golden beams pale silver moon that gently gleams, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O sing now, alleluia!
 Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!

 Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4. Earth ever fertile, day by day unfold your blessings on our way, O sing now, alleluia!
 All flowers and fruit that in you grow God's glory let them also show: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5. All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part, alleluia, alleluia!
 All you that pain and sorrow bear, sing praise and cast on God your care: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6. And even you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final breath, O sing now, alleluia! You lead back home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7. Let all things their creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!

 Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

God of the sabbath, this is the day and this is the hour when women long oppressed stand with dignity, and when your healing escapes our desire for control: may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds; through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful and the raiser of the dead.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Reader: Robbie Walker

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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



Holy One, you are our trust and our protection. (repeat)

Holy One, with you I feel secure.

Never let me be shamed.

By your faithful justice, rescue me.

Turn your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of protection, a place you have decreed where I can always go for safety. You are indeed my rock, my refuge.

Holy One, you are our trust and our protection.

O my God, save me from the power of the wicked, from the hand of the unjust and ruthless.

You are my only hope, O Holy One, my trust since my youth.

I leaned on you before I was born; you sustained me since my mother's womb.

Constantly I praise you.

Holy One, you are our trust and our protection. (repeat)

Hebrews 12:18-29 Reader: Zachary Parkin Trudeau

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (music 324)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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 he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

 ☐ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (music 324)

Sermon : The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

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: Maddy MacGregor

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

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders; especially Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Fr Michael, who is presiding for us today, Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; and Anne our Metropolitan and Shane our Primate, as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness especially Kathy, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Jason, Heather, Jackson and for Danny, Derek, Carley, Penny, Elizabeth, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Grayson, Bryce, Ken, Patrick, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Patricia, Bridget, David H., Susan, Donna and Fred. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With all your apostles and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **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 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

- 2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- 5. Lord, your summons echoes true when I but call your name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of glory,

receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

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,
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.

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 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

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 from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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: Areana Maina / Assistant: Mieke Nicholson

Hymn 615 Just As I Am

- Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee I find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many doubt, fighting and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down —, now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn 646 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

- Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make our hearts your home; descend with all your gracious pow'rs: O come, great Spirit, come!
- Come as the light: to us reveal our emptiness and woe, and lead us in those paths of life wherein the righteous go.
- Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame; let our whole life an offering be to our Redeemer's name.
- Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love; and let your church on earth become blest as the church above.
- Come as the wind, with rushing sound and Pentecostal grace, that all of woman born may see the glory of your face.
- 6. Spirit divine, attend our prayers, make this lost world your home descend with all your gracious pow'rs: O come, great Spirit, come!

■ 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!

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Miigwech (Repeats)
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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.

Living God,

increase in us the healing power of your love.

Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 August / September

31-Aug	10am	Holy Eucharist
7-Sept	10am	Holy Eucharist
14-Sept	10am	Holy Eucharist

 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 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

- 1. The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing; our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring, for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received, and for the generations who faithfully believed.
- 2. The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be companions on a journey, where all the world may see that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy; where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.
- 3. The love of Jesus call us to go where he would go, to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more; for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

4. The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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