St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke Pentecost 14 – September 14, 2025 Holy Cross 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

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nazar Chahal, donated by Rosalind, Jeff and Maddy.

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,

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute. Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square, praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string, praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing. Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon. Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy, praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy. Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play, praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

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.

Healer of the nations,
your beloved was lifted on the wood of the cross
and exalted as Lord of all creation.
Grant that all who believe in him
may have the gift of eternal life
and share in the glory
of your promised reign of justice and peace.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

Numbers 21:4b-9 Reader: Kennedy Stevens

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-6

We sing the Refrain twice through at the beginning and the end.



Sing to the Holy One! Sing a new song! (repeats)

Sing to the Holy One, sing a new song!

The One who has done marvelous things!

Your right arm and your holy arm gave you victory.

You announced the victory

and declared true justice to the nations.

Sing to the Holy One! Sing a new song!

You remembered the covenant of love and fidelity toward the house of Israel.

All the nations of the world have seen your victory, O God.

Sing to the Holy One! Sing a new song!

Let the whole world shout to the Holy One,

and break into joyful shouts and songs of praise.

Sing to the Holy One on the harp,

with the harp and lovely song,

with trumpets and horn; shout joyfully to our sovereign, the Holy One!

Sing to the Holy One! Sing a new song!

Let the sea roar and all its creatures the whole world and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the mountains shout together before the Holy One, who is coming to judge the world.

The Holy One will judge the world with true justice and its peoples with integrity.

Sing to the Holy One! Sing a new song! (repeats)

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Reader: Kathy Bignell-Jones

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John 3:13-17

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.

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Leader: Peter Lee

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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. God of grace, **receive our prayer**.

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain Kathy, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Jason, Heather, Jackson, Prashani. Let your loving kindness be on those in need, especially those living in long-term care facilities or are who limited in their mobility by advanced age: for Shirley B., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, Shirley and Bill and Pauline. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn and give them the hope of resurrection. God of grace, **receive our prayer**.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **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 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
- When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more lustre to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blesséd are you coming near. Blesséd are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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: Maddy MacGregor / Assistant: Robbie Walker

Hymn 63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup. trust in me and you will not thirst.

- I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. Refrain
- 2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain*
- 3. Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.

Refrain

5. If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. Refrain

Hymn **312** *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

Refrain

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord

> and play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

Refrain

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Saviour now has come. - He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

Refrain

3. Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour lives.

Refrain

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

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Thank you, Lord!
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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 (Repeats)

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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
- Eucharist & Bible Study Every Wednesday starting from this week, September 24th 10.00 to 12pm in the Church
- Our regular Sunday services schedule will start from next week, September 21st, 2025.

8.30am (Traditional service)

10.30am (Service with music)

- Jazz Vespers Sunday, September 28 @ 4pm Featuring Kirk MacDonald, one of Canada's leading saxophonists. Pay-what-you-can.
- A funeral service in memory of Irene Thomson will be held on Sunday, September 14th (Today) at 1:00 PM at Ward Funeral Home, 2035 Weston Road, Toronto. If you are able to attend, your presence would be a meaningful expression of support from our parish community to Irene's family during this difficult time.

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 602 Lift High the Cross

Refrain – Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name!

1. Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout! If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:

Teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

3. Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:

Let peace be our passport, peace a loving dream.

Refrain

- 4. Great is the cost of walking on this road, to follow and suffer with the Son of God. Refrain
- Worlds to be born and children yet to be, come, take up this song into eternity.
 Refrain

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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