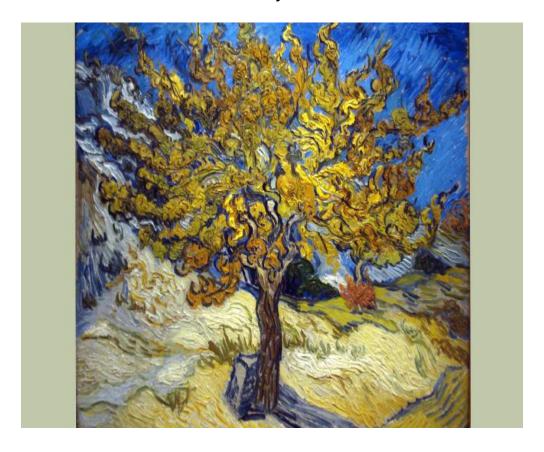
St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke Pentecost 17 - October 5, 2025 10:30am Holy Eucharist



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.

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 David Lawrie, Betty and Timothy Grindlay and sister Becky given by Susie Lawrie.

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

The Canticle of the Sun – St. Francis

Refrain

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, – sing to the glory of the Lord.

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way
Unto your throne. —

Refrain

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
 The seas mighty storms - the gentlest breeze;
 They blow where they will, the blow where they please
 To please the Lord. —

Refrain

Praise for the rain that waters the fields,
 And blesses our crops – so all the earth yields;
 From death unto life her myst'ry revealed
 Springs forth in joy. —

Refrain

Praise for the fire who gives us his light,
 The warmth of the sun – to brighten our night;
 He dances with joy, his spirit so bright,
 He sings of you. —
 Refrain

5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow,
The creatures you made – to let your life show;

The flowers and trees that help us to know The heart of love. —

Refrain

Praise for our death that makes our life real,
 The knowledge of loss – that helps us to feel;
 The gift of yourself, your presence revealed
 To lead us home. —

Refrain

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, you weep with those who are oppressed, with those who are uprooted from their homeland and with those who are without shelter or security. Grant that your faithful love may reach out through us, so that your healing mercy may rise like the dawn. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

Lamentations 1:1-6 Reader: Flora Ezumba

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137

Loving God help us to free all people who are enslaved (repeats)

By the rivers of Babylon we sit weeping, while we think of Zion.

We hang our harps on the trees.

Our captors demand songs; our jailers insist that we be merry. "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." How can we sing the Holy One's songs in a foreign land?

Loving God help us to free all people who are enslaved

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand wither.

May my toung stick to my plate if I do not remember you, if I do not exalt Jerusalem above my greatest joy.

♬ Loving God help us to free all people who are enslaved

Remember, Holy One!
Remember against the people of Edom, their day at Jeruslem,
how they said, "Destroy it to its foundations."

O city of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy are those who repay you the evil you have done to us!

Hapy are those who seize your children and dash them against the rocks.

Loving God help us to free all people who are enslaved (repeats)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the lying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

Reader: Areana Maina

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

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: Ashani Weerasinghe

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Equip our clergy to be faithful leaders, guiding the church in a living faith; we pray especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, **receive our prayer**.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war, violence and criminal brutality, especially Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, Yemen, Haiti, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and Mexico. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially those who are experiencing urgent medical issues and are in need of your tender care: Kathy, Shirley H., Emmanuel, Jason, Heather, Jackson, Prashani, and Bill. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

You give life and love to each one of us, and we praise you for the gift of one another here at St. Philip's, and offer thanksgiving for all those in this congregation who are celebrating birthdays this month, including Andrew Batte, Zachary Parkin-Trudeau, Greg Nicholson, Mike Stuchbery, and Debbie McLean-Schubert; and for Mark Jones & Kathy Bignell-Jones, and Peter Schubert & Debbie McLean-Schubert who celebrate their anniversary. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

J Hymn Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

- 2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of truth receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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 you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and 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

"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 / Assistant: Maddy MacGregor

Those who wait on the Lord

- Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall rise up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
- 2. Those who serve the suffering world shall renew their strength; they shall rise up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

- 3. Those who live the risen life shall renew their strength; they shall rise up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
- 4. Those who love the Mystery shall renew their strength; they shall rise up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
- 5. Those who die on the march shall renew their strength; they shall rise up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
- 6. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall rise up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

₽ By the rivers of Babylon

By the rivers of Babylon where we sat down and there we wept when we remember Zion

'Cause the wicked carried us away, captivity required from us a song How can we sing King of our song in a strange land?

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So let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable in thy sight, oh, for right. So let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, oh, for right.

There's no one, there's no one like Jesus.

There's no one, there's no one like him.

4x

I'm moving, moving, here, there,

I'm searching, searching, here, there,

Around I'm turning, here, there,

There's no one there's no one like him.

Swahili

Hakuna Mungu kama wewe,
Hakuna Mungu kama we;
Hakuna Mungu kama wewe,
Hakuna na hataku wepo. 2x
Nimetembea kote, kote
Nimetafuta kote, kote,
Nimezunguka kote, kote,
Hakuna na hataku wepo.

Luganda

Tewali mulala nga Yesu,
Tewali mulala nga ye; 4x
Nagenda, genda, munsi, munsi,
Ne neetoloola munsi, munsi,
Na noonya, noonya munsi, munsi,
Tewali mulala nga ye.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask 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

On this first Sunday of the month, we give thanks for, Andrew Batte, Zachary Parkin-Trudeau, Greg Nicholson, Mike Stuchbery, and Debbie McLean-Schubert; and for Mark Jones & Kathy Bignell-Jones, and Peter Schubert & Debbie

McLean-Schubert who celebrate their anniversary.



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.

- Eucharist & Bible Study Every Wednesday 10.00 to 12pm in the Church
- Centering Prayer Every Friday 9.30am Via Zoom
- Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch Sunday October 12th after 10.30am service Please bring a dish to share
- Thanksgiving Letters and Donation Envelopes

Due to the postal strike, we're unable to mail out Thanksgiving donation envelopes this year. Please **pick up a package** at the Narthex and for anyone not in church today. Thank you for your understanding and continued generosity.

Volunteers are welcome to decorate the church for thanksgiving on Saturday, October 11th from 10.30am.

- Oktoberfest Sunday October 19th Stay tuned.
- Choir practices Every Saturday from 3 5pm. All are welcome.
- Jazz Vespers Sunday, October 26th 2025 at 4pm. Featuring Shannon Butcher. Pay-what-you-can.

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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given, to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven: our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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