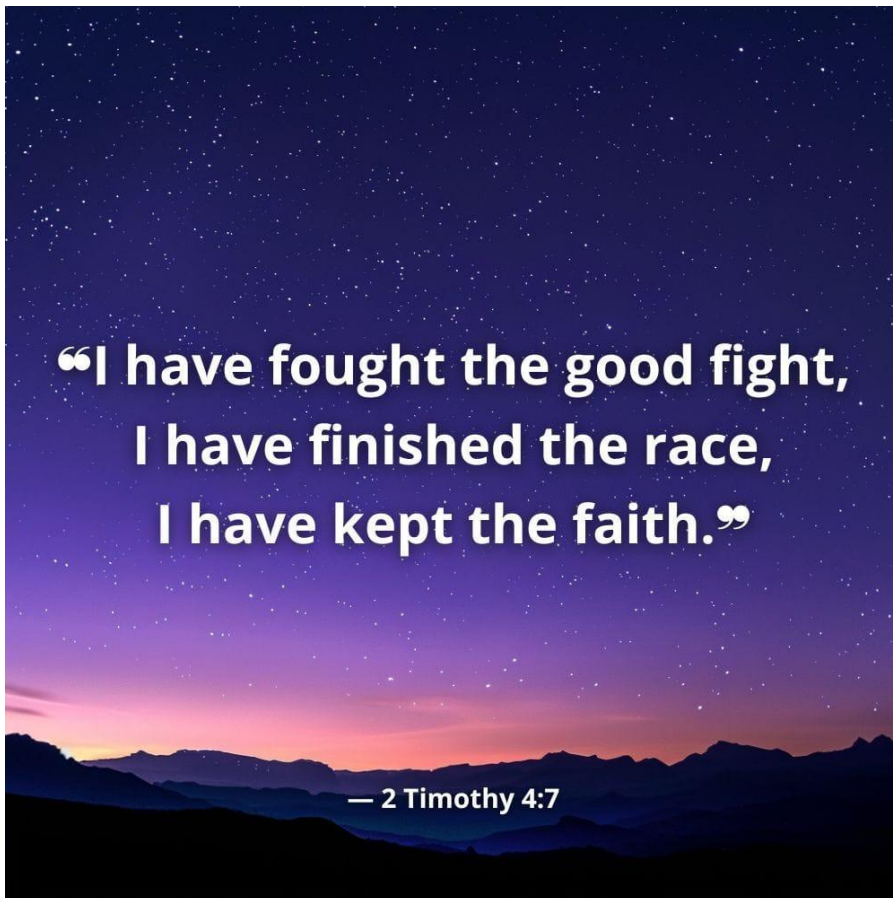


St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Pentecost 20 – October 26, 2025

10:30 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

Organ Prelude – *God so loved the world* -- J.S. Bach arr. Eugène Gigout

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Announcements

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for our children, Bryce, Taylor and Reed, given by Debbie and Peter Schubert

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 474 *Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet*

1. **Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and everyplace is hallowed ground.**

2. **For thou within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come,
and going, take thee to their home.**
3. **Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.**
4. **Lord, we are few; but thou art near
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thy own!**

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.

O God of salvation,
we come to you in joy,
for you have heard the prayers of the poor
and raised up the lowly.
Pour out your Spirit on young and old alike,
so that our dreams and visions
may bring justice and peace to the world. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Joel 2:23-32

Reader: Michele Parkin

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65



♪ We praise and thank you, Holy One, for your gifts to us. (*repeats*)

Praise must come to you, O God!

Vows must be fulfilled on Zion!

To you, who listens to prayer,
all may confess their sins.

**When our sins overwhelm us,
you forgive them.**

Happy are those you invite,
those you bring to live in your courts.

**The good things of your house,
your holy temple,
give them full satisfaction.**

♪ We praise and thank you, Holy One, for your gifts to us.

O God our strong deliverer,
answer us with awesome deeds,
to make everything just and right.

**You are trusted to the ends of the world
and to the depths of the seas.**

You set the mountains in place;
you are clothed with great power.

You calm the raging oceans,
**the roaring of their waves
and the tumult of the nations.**

Those who live at the ends of the earth
are awed by your marvelous signs.

The outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.

♪ We praise and thank you, Holy One, for your gifts to us.

You visit the earth
and it flourishes, greatly enriched.

The divine river is full of water.

You have prepared the earth
to provide grain for everyone.

**You drench earth's furrows,
smooth her ridges,
soften her with showers,
and bless her growth.**

You crown the year with bounty
and your passing flows with fatness.

Even the desert pastures flow with fatness!

The hills are surrounded with joy!

The meadows are clothed with flocks;

the valleys are dressed in grain.

They shout and sing!

♪ We praise and thank you, Holy One, for your gifts to us. (*repeats*)

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Reader: Louisa Njau

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

♪ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah!
Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah!
Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah!
Hal – le – lu – jah! ‘ Hal – le – lu – jah!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

♪ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah! (*Repeats*)

Sermon : The Reverend Greg Lane

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

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

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ. Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is transformed and reformed in your abundant grace. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you create all the beauty around us. We give you thanks for the harvest of your creation. Restore creation as the seasons change God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Governing God, you bring peace and justice through mercy. Guide judges, lawmakers, lawyers, and those in any authority to act with compassion and understanding. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, illness, and all who are coping with urgent medical issues: Leah, Emmanuel, Jackson, Prashani, Everton, Hugh, and Karen; and for those living with ongoing issues: Danny, Carley, Penny, Geoff & Carolyn, Teslyn, Grayson, Patrick & Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Diana, Patricia J. David H., and Fred. Bring your healing mercy to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Servant God, we pray for the ministry of Deacon Greg, carried out in the wider community; for his spiritual care of the residents at Wesburn Manor and Castlevue Wychwood Towers. We also pray for the congregation we serve with our monthly Eucharist at the Village of Humber Heights. Bless all those in these residences that we serve and with whom we worship and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith, remembering especially Bill Humphries; and we pray for those who mourn his death, especially Shirley, his wife of 73 years. 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

Hymn 432 *Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult*

1. **Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"**
2. **As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.**

3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of constant love,
you have guided your people in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer 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,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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

"I am the bread which has come down from
heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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: Andrew Batte / Assistant: Robbie Walker

Hymn 649 *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

1. **Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**
2. **Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.**
3. **Breathe on me breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**
4. **Breathe on me breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Hymn 509 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

1. **Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
2. **When the way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
3. **When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand;
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God our guide,
you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the people of Israel.
May we who have been inwardly nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name 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

- We would like to remind you that you can place memorial flowers at the church on Sundays in honor of a loved one. There are two ways you can do this:
 - You can make a donation, and we'll take care of purchasing the flowers for you. Just write your preferences on the sheet provided, and we'll handle the arrangements.
 - Alternatively, you can purchase the flowers yourself and bring them to the church by Saturday morning, and we will be happy to set them up for you. If you'd like, you can also help with the arrangement process!
- Oktoberfest Celebration – Sunday, October 26 following 10.30 service
Join us on today for our annual Oktoberfest!
Enjoy Bratwurst in a bun, fresh salads, dessert, and a drink. Come for great food, fellowship, and festive fun! Everyone is welcome. 🍷🍔🍰 pay as you can.
- All Souls Eucharist – Monday, November 3, 2025 at 7.30pm.
Please fill out the form at the back of the church with the name(s) of anyone you would like named at the service, as we remember the beloved dead.
- Jazz Vespers – Today - Sunday, October 26th 2025 at 4pm. Featuring singer - Shannon Butcher, Joel Visentin - piano / Gord Mowat - bass. Pay-what-you-can.
- Recital – Sunday, November 16 at 4pm - Tim Beattie, guitar, performs an evocative solo program exploring the unexpectedly deep links between Scottish and Spanish musical traditions. With works by Manuel de Falla, Gaspar Sanz and Gerald Garcia alongside Scottish lute songs, this compelling and imaginative program explores music as a vessel for memory, imagination and belonging.

- Choir practices – Every Saturday from 3 – 5pm. All are welcome.
- Eucharist & Bible Study – Every Wednesday – 10.00 to 12pm in the Church
- Centering Prayer – Every Friday – 9.30am – Via Zoom

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 505 *Be Thou My Vision*

1. **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 - *Ronde Française* -- Leon Boellmann

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