

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
1st Sunday in Advent – November 30, 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.

"St. Philip's lives out the gospel call of Christ by worshipping, praying, asking questions, learning together and loving one another as we offer ourselves in service to the world in Jesus' name."

We invite you to be part of a community that seeks to grow in faith, deepen our understanding, and share Christ's love through worship, prayer, and service.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

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.**

Advent I – Introit

Now is the moment to wake from your sleep!

Hope is alive!

Love is at hand!

Rise from your slumber, the darkness is gone.

Daylight is breaking o'er the whole land.

Keep awake!

God is near!

Come, let us live in the light of our God.

Light all our days!

Fill us always!

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Hymn 101 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
3. Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
4. O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The time of tide shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever:
that name to us is Love.

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.

Lighting of Advent Wreath (The children gather to help light the wreath)

The evening of the year is upon us.
We enter the darkness and wait for light's return.

We light one candle to remind us of God's light
which has come to us all through the Christ.
**We open our hearts to that light,
and ask for help to shine with the brilliance of love.**

We light the first Advent Candle as we sing together

 Advent is a time to wait,
Not quite time to celebrate.
Count the candles one by one,
Until Advent time is done.
Day by day we work and play,
To prepare for a Christmas Day!

1. Hope is our first candle here,
in this Advent time of year.
Hope will shine for us today
as we gently light the way.
Hope is our first candle here,
in this Advent time of year.

All of our waiting is a waiting for God.
God of our hearts, we wait for you alone.

Sunday school goes downstairs and will rejoin us for the Eucharist

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection
save us from the threatening dangers of our sins,
and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: *Flora Ezumba*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

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



♪ We pray for peace in Jerusalem and in our world. (repeat)

I was delighted when people said to me,
"Let's go to the temple of the Holy One!"
**Now our feet are standing in your gates,
O Jerusalem.**

 **We pray for peace in Jerusalem and in our world.**

Jerusalem! Built as a perfect city where pilgrims gather in unity.

**Whither the tribes ascend,
tribes of the Holy One as ordained for Israel,
"Give thanks to the Holy One's Name!"**

**Thrones of judgment are there,
thrones for David's heirs.**

Pray for Jerusalem's peace and well-being:

**May there be peace within your walls
and prosperity in your palaces."**

For the sake of my family and friends

I say, "Peace be with you!"

**For the sake of the temple of our mighty God,
I pray for your well-being.**

 **We pray for peace in Jerusalem and in our world. (repeat)**

Romans 13:11-14

Reader: *Kathy Bignell-Jones*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Sermon: The Rev. Mike Stuchbery

Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and affirm our faith in this Advent season.

We believe in God, who bends and kneels toward our world,
drenching it with love, making it new with every breath.

We believe!

We believe in Jesus, God become human,
who brought the divine into this world of the flesh.

We believe!

We believe in the Spirit, hovering God, present among us, abiding, upholding, awaking all things to her grace.

We believe!

We believe we are called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and each other, ready for God's reign, awake and alert, as we work to bring it near.

We believe!

We believe we are called, as Christmas comes close, to lift up our hearts in hope and in love, seeking God's advent in each moment and person, each challenge and heartache, each blessing and joy.

We believe!

This we promise to do. Keep us faithful, Lord Jesus, and come soon.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Titus Busonga

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

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, priests, and bishops; especially Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. Be with Father Mike and the Diocesan delegation as they travel to the Holy Land this week to be with people living with violence and oppression in their daily lives. May they return home safely as instruments of your peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. For those facing urgent medical issues: Emmanuel, Prashani, Everton, Karen, Sadie, Rachel and Brenda M.

For those who live with ongoing medical issues: Danny, Carley, Penny, Geoff & Carolyn, Teslyn, Grayson, Patrick & Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Diana, Patricia J., David H., Fred, Jackson, Hugh, and Leah. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of servant-love, 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 Castlevew 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, **hear our prayer.**

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners
and inviting us to this 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

♪ *Soon and Very Soon*

**Soon and very soon ____
we are goin' to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!**

**No more cryin' there ____
we are goin' to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
we're goin' to see the King.**

**No more dyin' there ____
we are goin' to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
we're goin' to see the King.**

**Soon and very soon ____
we are goin' to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.
God of love and power, your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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Introduction Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry to You, O Lord most high.
mf Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho —
Broadly *rit.* *ff* *molto rit.*
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
**Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

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: Maddie MacGregor / Communion assistant – Robbie Walker

Hymn 89 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

2. **O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who order all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.**

Refrain

3. **O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

Refrain

4. **O come, O rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

Refrain

5. **O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
close the path to misery.**

Refrain

6. **O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Refrain

7. **O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.**

Refrain

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray,
God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **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

- Charlie Brown Christmas with The Teri Parker Trio — Sunday, December 7, 4pm. Tickets (Adult \$25 | Student \$15 | Family \$45) **available after the service. Contact Rosalind Chahal at 416-709-7168**
- Jazz Vespers – **(Today)** November 30th, 2025 at 4pm – Featuring Sean Bray - guitar with Pat LaBarbera - tenor Sax and Pat Collins – bass
- “The Bishop’s Advent Retreat Evenings” - The four-part series, will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Led by the bishops, the gatherings will give Anglicans a chance to pause, connect and deepen their spiritual journey during this holy season.
- Centering Prayer – Every Friday – 9.30am – Via Zoom
- There will be no mid-week Eucharist and bible study until after Christmas.
- Fr Michael Burgess will be preaching and presiding at 8.30 and 10.30 services on December 13th.

- **Christmas Services**

- ✓ December 17, 7.30pm Blue Christmas
- ✓ December 21, 08.30am Holy Eucharist - Advent 4
- ✓ December 21, 10.30am Lessons + Carols
- ✓ December 24, 4.00pm Family Christmas Eve
- ✓ December 24, 07.30pm Sung Eucharist for Christmas Eve
- ✓ December 25, 10.00am Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day

- Fr Mike will be visiting the Holy Land with a delegation from the Diocese of Toronto, led by Bishop Andrew They will be visiting Palestinian Christians and Muslims, as well as Israeli Jews in Jerusalem and the West Bank. They will be staying in East Jerusalem from December 1-10. Please pray for Fr Mike and the whole delegation; that God will bless them with eyes to see, ears to hear and voices to share the good news. May God help them safe and bring them safely home.

Final Blessing

May Christ be our new beginning,
the hope and salvation of the world,
and the blessing of God
our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn **114** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

1. **Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**
2. **Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.**

3. Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear.
4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly!
O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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