

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Epiphany 3 – January 25, 2026
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.

"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 this community in Christ as we dwell together in God's love.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Parkin and loved ones, given by the Parkin family; in memory of David Waite, and Jack and Irene Wallis, on behalf of Linda, Greg, Pia, Jeff and Tara Waite.

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 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.

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.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

God of blazing light,
through the power of the cross
you shattered our darkness
and set us free to live as your children.
Give us courage and conviction,
so that we may joyfully turn and follow you,
led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader: *Laju Bawo-Oteri*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

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



♪ **The Holy One is our light and saving help. (repeat)**

The Holy One is my light and my saving help;
whom can I fear?

The Holy One is my life's refuge;
of whom can I be afraid?

When evil doers approach me to devour my flesh,
it is they, my adversaries and my foes,
who stumble and fall.

Though an army lay siege against me,
my heart shall not be afraid.

Should war break out against me,
I shall still be confident.

♪ **The Holy One is our light and saving help.**

One thing I ask of the Holy One,
one thing I seek:
to live in God's house all the days of my life,
to see the loveliness of the Holy One
and to meditate in the holy temple.

In the evil day the Holy One will shelter me,
hiding me in the secrecy of the holy place,
setting me high up on a rock.

♪ **The Holy One is our light and saving help.**

Now my head is high over my surrounding enemies,
so I will offer joyful sacrifices in the holy tent;

I will sing and make melody to the Holy One.

Hear my voice when I call to you'

be gracious and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks,

"Seek the face of the Holy One!"

O my God, I do seek your face.

♪ **The Holy One is our light and saving help.**

Do not in anger reject your servant,
you, who have been my support!

**O God, my saving help,
do not abandon me or leave me.**

Though my father and mother abandon me,

the Holy One will take care of me.

Teach me your way, O Holy One;

**lead me by a level path
because of my insidious enemies.**

Do not deliver me to the jaws of my enemies.

False witnesses have stood up against me, pouring out malice.

I truly believe I shall see the Holy One's goodness
in the land of the living.

**Wait patiently for the Holy One,
who will give courage to your heart!
Wait patiently for the Holy One!**

♪ **The Holy One is our light and saving help. (repeat)**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader: *Eric Kiragu*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that

the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

♪ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah! (X3)

Hal - le - lu - jah! ‘ Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah! (X3)

Hal - le - lu - jah! ‘ Hal - le - lu - jah!

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: *Peter Lee*

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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. We pray that all clergy remain faithful to this message as they lead us in this mission; praying especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. And we pray that you guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority, that they might act with justice in all that they do. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for those we know who are facing urgent medical issues: Emmanuel, Karen, Rachel and Brenda M; and 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, Leah, Hugh, and Everton. And we pray for all who are affected by natural disasters and warfare. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy 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 Castleview 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.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Saviour, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Saviour. **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.

Silence is kept.

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*

1. 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.
Loving God,
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

♪ **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!

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he 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
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

A-men.

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: Andrew Batte , Communion Assistant – Mieke Nicholson

Hymn 73 One Bread One Body

Refrain

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all
one cup of blessing which we bless —
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

Refrain

2. **Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Refrain

Hymn 508 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.



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!

Miigwech

Gan xie ni

Ekele

Asante (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

Gan xie ni

Ekele

Asante (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

Gan xie ni

Ekele

Asante (Repeats)

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this 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

- Eucharist & Bible Study – Wednesday, January 28th, 2025 – 10.00 to noon in the Church
- **CANCELLED** - Jazz Vespers – **January 25th** at 4.00 pm – Featuring Drew Jurecka (violinist). Pay what you can.
- Choir practices will resume Saturday, February 14 from 3pm-5pm. All are welcome!
- St. Philip's Recital Series presents: Africlassical Excellence On Sunday, February, 8, 2026, at 4pm join us in celebration of Black History Month as St. Philip's Recital Series hosts Toronto-based pianist Luke Welch for a special afternoon performance. This event presents an exciting, virtuosic, and diverse solo piano recital featuring works by prominent Black composers from around the world, including R. Nathaniel Dett, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Florence Price, Amanda Aldridge, and more.
Admission is by donation
- “Hymns to Freedom” – Sunday, February 1st at 2pm, Humber Valley United Church - To celebrate black history month with Corey Butler’s hymns to freedom project, a docu-concert about remembrance, resilience and hope, featuring Jackie Richardson, one of Canada’s foremost gospel, blues and jazz singers.
Tickets : Adults \$20, Children 12 and under \$10

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 397 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

1. **Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.**
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the Gospel,
healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
2. **Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.**
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.
3. **Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.**
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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