

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 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.

*We Welcome the **Reverend Canon Michael Burgess**, who will be presiding and preaching this morning and also we welcome thank Madison MacGregor for her music leadership this morning.*

Gathering of the Community

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God and in loving memory of Rina Chahal, given by her family

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 *Wade In the Water*

Refrain

**Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God's a-going to trouble the water.**

1. Cantor: See that host all dressed in white
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.
Cantor: The leader looks like the Israelite
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

2. Cantor: See that band all dressed in red,
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.
Cantor: Looks like the band that Moses led,
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

3. Cantor: Look over yonder, what do I see?
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.
Cantor: The Holy Ghost a comin' on me,
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

4. Cantor: If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.
Cantor: Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
All: God's a-going to trouble the water.

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.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader: *Frances Clarkson*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He
will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed
he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will
faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he

has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

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



Ascribe to the Holy One, all you gods;
ascribe glory and power.

Give all honour to God's name;

worship the Creator in the beauty of holiness.

♪ Worship the Creator in the beauty of holiness.

The Holy One's voice rolls over the oceans;
the God of glory thunders;
the voice of God is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of God is full of power.

The voice of the Creator is full of splendour.

The Holy One's voice breaks the cedar trees
and smashes the cedars of Lebanon.

**It makes the mountains skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Lightning flashes at the sound of that voice,
which shakes the endless wilderness.

**That voice brings the deer to labour,
and strips the forest bare.**

♪ Worship the Creator in the beauty of holiness.

All: In the holy temple all shout, "Glory!"

The Holy One sits enthroned over the flood;
the Creator sits enthroned forever.

The Holy One gives strength to God's people,
**and blesses the people forevermore,
blessings of peace and well-being.**

♪ **Worship the Creator in the beauty of holiness.** *(repeat)*

Acts 10:34-43

Reader: *Zachary Parkin Trudeau*

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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! (Repeats)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God

descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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! (*Repeats*)

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: *Og Bawo Oteri*

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.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, deacons, priests, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. We pray today for our Wardens Rosalind, Chiagozie, Debbie, and Ashani; for our Deacon, Greg; for our Incumbent, Mike; our Bishops, Ryscilla, Kevin, and Andrew; our Metropolitan, Anne; and our Primate, Shane.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs, especially the Humber River and Lake Ontario. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. We pray for peace in Russia and Ukraine, the Holy Land, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and wherever there is war and civil unrest. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. We pray for those for those facing urgent medical issues: Emmanuel, Prashani, Karen, Rachel and Brenda M; and for those who live in long-term care or with the challenges that come with age: Shirley B., Shirley H., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, and Pauline. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter, in particular the people of Gaza. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbours, and our enemies.

We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. 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.

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 *Come to the Water*

1. O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
and let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
and let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

3. And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labour, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?
4. And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord.
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever. **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 indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.



**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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick and ate
and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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 / Communion Assistant : Areana Maina

Hymn 354 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1. **Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by fanning tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.**
2. **Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**
3. **O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

Hymn There's No One Like Jesus

1. **There's no one, there's no one like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him.
There's no one, there's no one like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him. Repeat**

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.

2. Ha-ku-na Mun-gu ka-ma we-we,
Ha-ku-na Mun-gu ka-ma we;
Ha-ku-na Mun-gu ka-ma we-we,
Ha-ku-na na ha-ta-ku we-po. *Repeat*

Ni-me-tem-be-a ko-te, ko-te,
Ni-me-ta-fu-ta ko-te ko-te,
Ni-me-zun-gu-ka ko-te, ko-te,
Ha-ku-na na ha-ta-ku we-po.

3. Te-wa-li mu-la-la nga Ye-su,
Te-wa-li mu-la-la nga ye;
Te-wa-li mu-la-la nga Ye-su,
Te-wa-li mu-la-la nga ye; *Repeat*

Na-gen-da, gen-da, mun-si, mun-si,
Ne nee-to-loo-la mun-si, mun-si,
Na noo-nya, noo-nya mun-si, mun-si
Te-wa-li mu-la-la nga ye.

4. There's no one, there's no one like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him.
There's no one, there's no one like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him. *Repeat*

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.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray,
Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We ask this in his name. **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
- The offering envelope boxes for 2026 are now available for pickup in the Narthex.
- Jazz Vespers – **January 25th** at 4.00 pm – 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
- Father Mike will be away from Monday, January 5 through Tuesday, January 13. In case of a pastoral emergency when Fr. Mike is away, please contact Rev. Greg Lane 647-230-1579

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 *This Little Light of Mine*

1. **This little light of mine,**
I'm gonna let it shine 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
2. **Hide it under a bushel, no!**
I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
3. **Won't let anyone blow it out,**
I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
4. **All around the world,**
I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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