

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026 at 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

Welcome, Announcements, Land Acknowledgement

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God; and in thanksgiving for blessings received given by Amanda and 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.

Give us attentiveness
so that we may hear, and give thanks for,
Indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada.

Give us sincere and open hearts
so 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

 *Sing a New World into Being*

1. **Sing a new world into being.**
Sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings.
Lend your voice and dare to dream:
dream a church where all who worship
find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being.
Sing as Christ inspires your song!

2. Sing a new world into being,
where each gender, class, and race
brings its rainbow gifts and colours
to God's limitless embrace;
where the lines that once divided
form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being:
risk transforming heart and mind.
3. Sing a new world into being
where the homeless find a home,
where no children ever hunger
but are filled with God's shalom;
where all people work for justice,
where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being:
raise the harmonies of peace.
4. Sing a new world into being.
Join the ancient prophet's cry
for a time of health and plenty
when all tears have been wiped dry;
when compassion flows like waters,
pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being:
live the promise you believe!

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.

Spirit of the desert,
you drove Jesus to the edge of the world
to seek your truth and find his calling;
scour our hearts and awaken our hunger,
so that freed from empty clinging
we may serve only you and the Creator;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader: Titus busonga

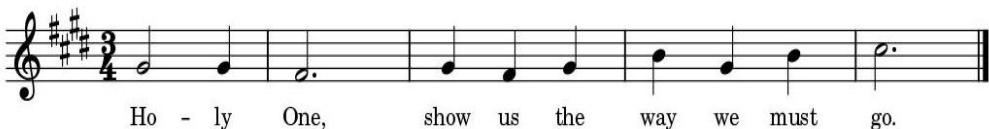
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

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



Ho - ly One, show us the way we must go.

♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go. (repeats)**

Happy are the pardoned;
their sins forgiven.

**Happy those whom God reckons guiltless,
who have no spirit of deceit.**

♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go.**

Though I did not speak, my bones withered;
I groaned all day long,
with your hand weighing me down,
day in and day out.

**My vey body dried up,
as if in summer's heat.**

My sins I declare to you
I do not hide my guilt.

**I said, "I confess my wrongs to you, Holy One."
You banished my sinful guilt!**

That is why all the faithful
pray to you in times of stress.
Great floods will not harm them.

**Secretly you save me from harm and danger,
surround me with shouts of rescue.**

♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go.**

I will teach you, show you the way you must go;
counsel you, my eyes ever upon you.

**Don't be like a senseless horse or mule,
kept by you only with bit and bridle.**

Pain and grief befall the wicked;
faithful love surrounds those who trust in the Holy One.
Lovers of justice, rejoice and be glad in the Holy One;
shout for joy, you of upright heart.

♪ **Holy One, show us the way we must go. (repeats)**

Romans 5:12-19

Reader: Michele Parkin

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses,

even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

♪ **Open your ears, O faithful people,
Open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.**

**God has spoken to the people,
Hallelujah!**

**God has spoke words of wisdom,
Hallelujah!**

**Torah ora, Torah ora,
Hallelujah!**

**Torah ora, Torah ora,
Hallelujah!**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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 was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

 **They who have ears to hear the message,
They who have ears, now let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
Let them hear God's Word.**

**God has spoken to the people,
Hallelujah!
God has spoke words of wisdom,
Hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora,
Hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora,
Hallelujah!**

Sermon: Andrew Batte

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.

Poem My Reason (The Rev. Easton Lee)
Read by Michele Parkin

Prayers of the People

Leader - Chiagozie Azuh

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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. And give strength of faith to our clergy: Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace, especially in Palestine, Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan and Congo. Grant courage to those who challenge the status quo, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Today we pray for those we know who are facing current health issues, especially Emmanuel, Karen, Mark, Brenda M, Robbie, and James. We also lift up 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, Everton, and Rachel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. And as we conclude our month-long celebration of black history and culture, we offer thanks for the members of this congregation from the African diaspora, whose places of birth cover much of this planet, but whose ancestors found their home on the continent of Africa. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you, especially those we have known and loved.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them 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 *Change is Gonna Come*

I was born by the river
in a little tent.
Oh - - - and just like the river,
I've been runnin' ever since.

It's been a long - - -
a long time in comin',
but I know,
a change is gonna come,
yes, it will.

It's been too hard living,
but I'm afraid to die,
Oh - - - 'cause I don't know what's up there
beyond the sky.

It's been a long - - -
a long time in comin',
but I know,
a change is gonna come,
yes, it will.

Then I go to my brother,
and I say, brother, help me please.
but he winds up knockin' me
back down on, on my knees.

There've been times that I thought
I couldn't last for long.
Oh - - - but now I think I'm able
to carry on.

It's been a long - - -
a long time in comin',
but I know,
a change is gonna come,
yes, it will.

**A change is gonna come,
yes, it will.**

**A change is gonna come,
Yes, it will!**

Prayer Over the Gifts

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through 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 the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

God of our weary years,

God of our silent tears,

you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,

but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets

to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;

our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time,

you sent your chosen servant

to preach good news to the afflicted,

to break bread with the outcast and despised,

and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.



*Holy, holy holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!.*

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread
and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore,
his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love
and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom!
And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets
and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray in the language that is closest to our hearts:

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,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Server – Areana Maina, Communion Assistant – Andrew Batte

 *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*

1. **Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**
2. **Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Hymn 352 *Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

♪ *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 (*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 (*Repeats*)

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray,

Compassionate God,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;

may our fasting be hunger for justice;

our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer,

the song of grateful hearts;

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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

- Jazz Vespers – **Today** - Sunday, February 22 at 4pm – Featuring Alyssa Giammaria, Jen Lo (Piano) and Ben Dwyer (Bass) – Pay-as-you-can
- Annual Vestry Meeting – Saturday, February 28 from 10am to 2pm.
- Lent 2026 Devotions - A guided journey through “The Cloud of Unknowing” with Fr. Mike and Tracy Stuchbery
In person: Sundays from 12:30-1:30 following coffee hour **Today** February 22, March 1, 10, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Online (Zoom): Tuesdays from 7pm-8pm February 24, March 3, 17, 24,
- Lent Food Drive for WAES
- Monthly Eucharist at Village of Humber Heights Senior’s Home Thursday, February 26. 11:00am (2245 Lawrence Ave. West)

Final Blessing

May Christ’s holy, healing, enabling Spirit
be with you every step of the way,
and be your guide as your road changes and turns;
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life
be with you always.

Amen.

Hymn *We Shall Overcome*

1. **We shall overcome,
we shall overcome,
we shall overcome some day!
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
we shall overcome some day!**

2. We'll walk hand in hand,
we'll walk hand in hand,
we'll walk hand in hand some day!
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
we shall overcome some day!
3. We shall all be free,
we shall all be free,
we shall all be free some day!
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
we shall overcome some day!
4. We shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace some day!
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
we shall overcome some day!
5. God will see us through,
God will see us through,
God will see us through some day!
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
we shall overcome some day!

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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