

# St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – March 01, 2026

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.*

*Anglicans move in worship: kneeling, standing, crossing themselves, feeling the beat.*

*We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after the service for refreshments and conversation (follow the path and the crowd through the cemetery).*

## Gathering of the Community

*Welcome, Announcements, Land Acknowledgement*

*Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God; and in memory of loved ones of the family given by Joan Barltrop.*

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*

*Hymn 175 Forty Days and Forty Nights*

1. **Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:**
2. **burning heat throughout the day,  
bitter cold when light had fled,  
prowling beasts around your way,  
stones your pillow, earth your bed.**

3. **Shall we not your trials share,  
learn your discipline of will,  
and with you by fast and prayer  
wrestle with the powers of hell?**
4. **So if Satan, pressing hard,  
soul and body would destroy,  
Christ who conquered, be our guard;  
give to us the victor's joy.**
5. **Saviour, may we hear your voice  
keep us constant at your side;  
and with you we shall rejoice  
at the e - ter - nal Eastertide.**

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.

Holy God,  
whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking:  
transform the night-time of our fear  
into a welcoming womb for us and all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. **Amen.**

## **Breaking Open the Word**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader: Wilson Kamau

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

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



**Our help comes from the Holy One.** *(repeat)*

I lift my eyes to the hills.  
From whence comes my help?

**My help comes from the Holy One,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

The Holy One will not allow your foot to stumble;  
your Guardian will never sleep.

**No! Israel's Guardian will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**Our help comes from the Holy One.**

The Holy One is indeed your Guardian,  
your shade at your right hand,  
**so that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Holy One will guard you from every evil  
and protect your very being.

**The Holy One will guard your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth, forevermore.**

**Our help comes from the Holy One.** *(repeat)*

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader: Nicholas Stecho

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as

something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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: John 3:1-17

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having

grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through 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,  
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Torah ora, Torah ora,  
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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 : Janet Churchill

*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.*

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. We offer thanks for Tracy, our music director, and for our choir and musicians who lead us as a congregation in songs of praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labour in service to creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by

hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss, especially those coping with immediate health issues: Emmanuel, Karen, Mark, Brenda M., Robbie, James, and Laura.

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

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this congregation and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere.

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

Loving One, you reveal yourself in those we love. With joy and thanksgiving, we praise you for the gift of one another here at St. Philip's, and ask your blessing on Heleena Sunda and any others in this congregation celebrating their birthday this month; and on Amanda Fernando and Patty Pathirana, and any others celebrating their anniversary this month. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love.

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 179 vs. 1-6 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

1. **Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though we you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.**
2. **Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
may we see ourselves in you;  
if we learn to live your story  
we will die to rise anew,  
we will die to rise anew.**
3. **We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
every person lost and broken,  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**
4. **Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
come, inflame our hearts anew.  
We may all your joy inherit  
if we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.**
5. **Christ you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river you the sea.**

6b. **From the dawning of creation  
you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation,  
make us turn to you alone,  
make us turn to you alone.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. **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,  
because you bid your faithful people  
to cleanse their hearts  
and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast;  
that reborn through the waters of baptism  
and renewed in the eucharistic mystery,  
we may be more fervent in prayer  
and more generous in the works of love.  
Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

♪ *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!.*

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 in the language 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 – Maddy MacGregor

Communion Assistant– Robbie Walker

 Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

 Hymn *Transform Us*

- 1. Transform us as you, transfigured,  
Stood apart on Tabor's height.  
Lead us up our sacred mountains,  
Search us with revealing light.  
Lift us from where we have fallen,  
Full of questions, filled with fright.**

2. Transform us as you, transfigured,  
Once spoke with those holy ones.  
We, surrounded by the witness  
Of those saints whose work is done.  
Live in this world as your Body,  
Chosen daughters, chosen sons.
3. Transform us as you, transfigured,  
Would not stay within a shrine.  
Keep us from our great temptation-  
Time and truth we quickly bind.  
Lead us down those daily pathways  
Where our love is not confined.

Hymn 423 *How Great Thou Art*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gently breeze;

*Refrain*

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in'  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

 *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.

God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
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

*On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate February birthdays: Heleena Sunda and Anniversaries: Amanda and Patty.*

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**God give you many, many years  
To give thanks for your blessings here;  
And many, many, many more  
To see the good God has in store.**

- Recital Series – Sunday, March 22 at 4pm – Featuring Ryan Baxter & Jingquan, organ & piano – Pay-as-you-can
- 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  
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

**Online (Zoom):** Tuesdays from 7pm-8pm  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

“With a devout and delightful stirring of love....struggle to pierce that darkness above you; and beat on that thick cloud of unknowing with a sharp dart of longing love and do not give up, whatever happens.”

- Lent Food Drive for WAES

## Final Blessing

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross,  
give you strength to bear your own  
and one another's burdens,  
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer,  
and Giver of Life be with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn 412 *O God, Beyond All Face and Form*

1. **O God, beyond all face and form,  
you willed it that creation's night  
should blaze, and chaos still its storm,  
and birth a universe of light.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of your eternal love.**
2. **The glory of the galaxies,  
the beauty of a baby's hand,  
the thundering of the restless seas,  
the glory of the forest's stand –  
all things below, all things above  
are formed of your eternal love.**
3. **You gave our race both form and name,  
and love for us was your intent;  
then to a woman's womb you came,  
and on a cross was wholly spent.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of this incarnate love.**
4. **Of this great love all loves are born,  
of self, of neighbor, and of earth.  
By love shall night be turned to morn,  
and death shall never conquer birth.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of God's eternal love.**

## Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!  
**Thanks be to God.**

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