

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 08, 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

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 Brethren, We Have Met To Worship*

- Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.**
- Brethren, see poor sinners round you
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving,
Can you bear to let them go?**

See our fathers and our mothers,
And our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

3. Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior,
Tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

4. Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners,
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself, and serve us
With sweet manna all around.

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.
Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,
may we always thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

1st Reading : Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: Michele Parkin

(See leaflet)

Psalm : 95

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



 **Holy One, we come into your presence with joyful song.** *(repeats)*

Come, sing to the Holy One!

Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!

Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!

Raise your voices in joyful hymns!

Truly the Holy One is a great God,
supreme above all gods,

**in whose hands are the ends of the earth
and the heights of all the mountains.**

The sea belongs to God who made it,
whose hands formed the dry land.

Come, worship and bow down;

kneel in the presence of our Creator

Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,

whose people we are, all in Go's pasture.

 **Holy One, we come into your presence with joyful song.**

Now, today, hear the voice of the Holy One:

“Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,

as you did in the wilderness of Massah,

where your ancestors tested me,

put me on trial, though they had seen my works.

Forty long years I loathed that generation and said,

‘These people go astray in their hearts.

They do not know my ways.’

Therefore I swore in my wrath,

‘They shall not enter my restful land.’”

 **Gracious God, help us to serve you faithfully.** *(repeats)*

♪ 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 spoken words of wisdom,
Hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora,
Hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora,
Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42
(See leaflet)

♪ 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 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 : Robbie Walker

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

A brief silence.

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint, praying especially for Greg, our Deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; our Bishops, Ryscilla, Kevin, and Andrew; our Metropolitan, Anne; and Shane, our Primate. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. We pray especially today for peace in the Middle East. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment, including the people of Gaza and Sudan where war has deprived them of these basic needs. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need, especially those in our own community facing urgent medical issues: Emmanuel, Karen, Mark, Brenda, Robbie, James, and Laura. We also pray for those living in long-term health care or ageing at home, especially Shirley B., Shirley H., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, and Pauline. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and choirs. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory.

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

♪ God prepare me
to be a sanctuary/servant/witness
pure and holy
tried and true.
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Spring of life and Source of goodness,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to the living water,
Jesus Christ, your Son 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 God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy Lord God of power and might,

Heaven, Heaven, Earth, Earth,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

All glory to your name,
All glory to your name.

All glory to your name,
All glory to your name.

Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd
Is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,
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Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name 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 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 – Bawo Bawo-Oteri

Communion Assistant– Oma Bawo-Oteri

♪ Oceans - sung by Maddy MacGregor

Hymn 360 *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

**Bless the Lord, my soul
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.**

♪ Kwake Yesu Nasimama - (Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand)

Refrain - **Kwake Yesu nasimama,
ndiye mwamba ni salama
ndiye mwamba ni salama
ndiye mwamba ni salama**

**1. Jesus knows the troubles I face;
in his blood flow mercy and grace.
What he gives, I cannot repay,
all my sin he washes away.**

Refrain

**2. Jesus gives me strength when I'm weak;
he's the satisfaction I seek.
He's my shield when troubles draw near.
He's my comfort through every fear.**

Refrain

**3. When the judgement comes I will be
in Christ's presence, fearless and free,
where the courts are ringing with praise,
crowned with righteousness all my days.**

Refrain

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God of our pilgrimage,
we have found the living water.
Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey,
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.**

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.**

MV 120 *My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)*

1. **My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn.**

Refrain

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!**

2. **Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past**

to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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