

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
2nd Sunday of Easter – April 12, 2026
10:30 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 - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in memory of family members given by Susie Lawrie.

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 239 *Jesus Lives! The Terrors Now*

1. **Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.
Alleluia!**
2. **Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!**

3. **Jesus lives! For us he died;
then alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!**
4. **Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
live, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
so that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God, the Source of all life. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Exodus 15:1-11

Reader: Bawo Bawo-Oteri

¹[Then] Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him;

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power —
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;
you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake;
I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

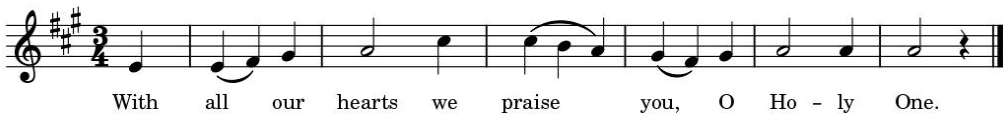
¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111



With all our hearts we praise you, O Holy One. (repeat)

Hallelujah!

With all my heart I praise you, Holy One,
in the congregation of truthful people.

**How great are your works
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor clothe them,
always faithful and just.

**Your wondrous deeds have won renown;
you are gracious and merciful.**

♪ **With all our hearts we praise you, O Holy One.**

Food you give to those who revere you.

Always you remember your covenant.

The power of your works you show to the people,
by giving them the heritage of nations.

**Your handiwork is true and just;
all your precepts worthy of trust,
enduring forever,
performed in faithfulness and truth.**

You sent redemption to your people,
ordained your covenant for all time;

holy and revered is your name.

The beginning of wisdom is reverence for you, Holy One;
sound insight comes to all who follow it.

Your praise continues forever!

♪ **With all our hearts we praise you, O Holy One. (repeat)**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: Chiagozie Azuh

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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♪ **Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

Affirmation of Faith

Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the God of life and goodness,
In the Christ who brings us home,
In the Spirit who comforts and keeps us,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In our many gifts for serving,
In the call of each disciple,
In the church whose work is love,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the saints who pray for us,
In the scriptures that bring us truth,
In the sacraments that give grace,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the hope of resurrection,
In the rising to eternal life,
In the dawning of God's reign,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

May we ever be true to all we believe,

And, our song ever be "Alleluia!" Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: *Maddy MacGregor*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation, especially in Iran, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, the United States, Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, Congo, Mexico, and Myanmar. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way; especially those we know who are ill or facing medical procedures: Heather, Danielle, Emmanuel, Karen, Mark, Brenda, Robbie, James, Leah, and Aiden. We also pray for those living in long-term health

care or ageing at home: Shirley B., Shirley H., Carmen, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, and Pauline. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant, especially for Eric Hanbury. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to his 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

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – once we were no people,
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
The peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you!

The Offertory

Hymn 228 *Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!
- 4 That night th'apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia!
5. When Tomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!
6. "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
behold my hands, my feet," said he;
"not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

7. **No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia!**
8. **How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!**
9. **On this most holy day of days,
to God our hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia!**

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labour, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. **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!**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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: Mieke Nicholson

 *Holy Spirit, Come*

Living water fill my thirsty soul;

Holy Spirit come! –

Bread of life fill my aching need;

Holy Spirit come! –

For I am nothing –

without your love –

Breathe new life in me.–

Then will my life bring glory unto you.

Holy Spirit, come!

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, come!

Come! Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, come!

 *Shalom*

 *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.....

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.....

Let us pray.

Holy One,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

- Jazz Vespers – Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 4pm – Featuring Naom Lemish (pianist)
- St. Philips - Spring Sale – Saturday May 30th from 9:30am to 2.00pm – Donations are welcome. For info speak to Rosalind.
- Lunch of Nigerian Dishes – Saturday, June 6th 2026 – 1pm to 4pm at the Parish Hall – Tickets – Adults \$20, Youth \$10 and kids (0-10yrs) FREE. – All proceeds will be donated to the church's roof replacement.

Final Blessing

May Christ who by death has destroyed death,
give you all courage and joy in believing
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be with
you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 237 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

1. **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days had lain
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
2. **In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

3. **Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
4. **When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare had been'
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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