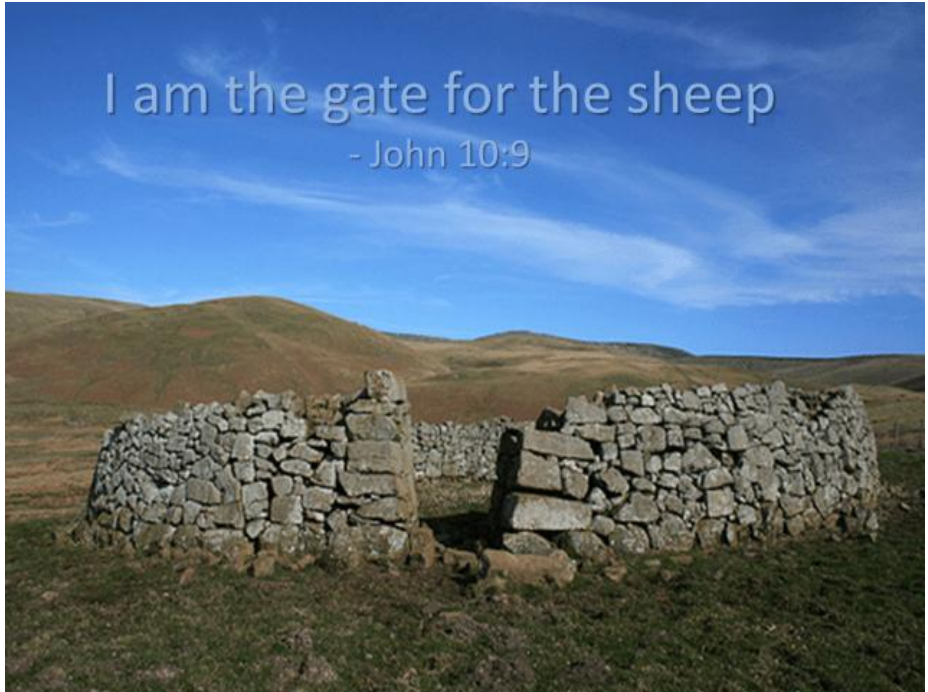


St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
4th Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026
10:30 Eucharist



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 loving memory of our loved ones given by Rosalind Chahal.

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

 *Come, Let Us Worship God*

Come, let us worship God
Come, let us worship God
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Rest for the weary
Rest for the weary
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Food for the hungry
Food for the hungry
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

**Come, let us worship God
Come, let us worship God
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

**Rest for the weary
Rest for the weary
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

**Food for the hungry
Food for the hungry
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

Hope for the children
Hope for the children
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Hope for the children
Hope for the children
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Strength in the suffering
Strength in the suffering
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Strength in the suffering
Strength in the suffering
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Joy in our caring
Joy in our caring
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Joy in our caring
Joy in our caring
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Faith in our doubting
Faith in our doubting
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

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This is St. Philip's
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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.

O God, whose Son is the good shepherd,
send us out as shepherds to seek the lost,
to heal the injured
and to nurture all with grace and compassion;
through Jesus, who calls each by name. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Ezekiel 34:7-15

Reader: Frances Clarkson

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100



♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*repeats*)

O all the world! Raise glad shouts to the Holy One!

Worship God with joy!

Come into the Presence with ringing cries!

♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Be assured the Holy One is the God who made us,

the shepherd to whom we belong,

who feeds us in green pastures.

♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

With thanksgiving enter the Holy One's doors,
with praise, the divine courts.

Praise and bless the Holy Name.

♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Truly the Holy One is good,
forever true and loving,

from age to age ever faithful.

♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!** (*repeats*)

1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader: Eric Kiragu

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all

his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon: The Reverend Greg Lane

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: Chiagozie Azuh

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.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for hospital, prison and military chaplains. We also pray for our own clergy: Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate; Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or are facing urgent medical issues: especially Charles, Heather, Danielle, Emmanuel, Karen, Mark J., Ross, Brenda M, Robbie, and James; and those we know who live with ongoing health issues: Danny, Carley, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Patrick, Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Diana, Patricia J., Fred, Jackson, Hugh, and Everton. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honoured and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Servant God, we pray for the ministry of Deacon Greg, carried out in the wider community; for his spiritual care of the residents at Wesburn Manor and Castleview Wychwood Towers. We also pray for the congregation we serve with our monthly Eucharist at the Village of Humber Heights. Bless all those in these residences that we serve and with whom we worship and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. 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 630 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

- 1. You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd,
You, Lord, are both prince and slave,
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.**
- 2. Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.**
- 3. You who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love which reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.**
- 4. Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,
God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and our shepherd. **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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,

you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,

we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,



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!

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and 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: Baw Bawo-Oteri, Communion Assistant: Andrew Batte

 *The Lord's my Shepherd*

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone...

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone...

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Jesus – remember me – when you come into your king-dom.

Jesus – remember me – when you come into your king-dom.

 *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.

God of steadfast love,

watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.

May we who share in these holy mysteries

come safely to your eternal kingdom,

where there is one flock and one shepherd.

We ask this in the name of 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 – **TODAY** at 4pm – Featuring Noam Lemish (pianist), with Michael Herring (bass) and Nick Fraser (drums).
- Recital – **Sunday, May 24 at 4pm** – Featuring Melody Chan (pianist). Pay-what-you-can.
- 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 – Ticket - Adults \$20, Youth \$10 and kids FREE (0-10yrs) – Please contact Rosalind or Azuh to purchase tickets. All proceeds will be donated to the church’s roof replacement.
- Choir practices in the church every Saturday from 3pm-5pm. All are welcome!
- Monthly Eucharist at the Village of Humber Heights (2245 Lawrence Avenue West) - this **Thursday (April 30th) at 11:00am**. Volunteers are always welcome. Please speak to Fr. Mike.

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.**

444 *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*

1. **Your hand, O God, has guided
 your flock from age to age;
 the wondrous tale is written,
 full clear, on every page.
 Our forebears owned your goodness
 and we their deeds record
 and both of this bear witness:
 one church, one faith, one Lord.**
2. **Your heralds brought glad tidings
 to greatest as to least;
 they bade the rise, and hasten
 to share the royal feast;
 and this was all their teaching,
 in every deed and word,
 to all alive proclaiming:
 one church, one faith, one Lord.**

3. **When shadows quickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

4. **And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise –
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

5. **Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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