

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

5th Sunday of Easter – May 3, 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

Thank you to our Youth Group for leading us in worship and preaching this morning!!

*Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God and in loving memory of her mother,
Nancy Churchill given by Janet Churchill.*

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

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 465 *Here in This Place*

- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in — the lost and forsaken;
gather us in — the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2. We are the young — our lives are a mystery;
we are the old — who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,**

called to be light to the whole human race.

**Gather us in — the rich and the haughty;
gather us in — the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

3. **Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
4. **Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in — all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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.

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life with all the world,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Isaiah 40:28-31

Natasha Okari

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.


Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103. 1-5, 22

Capo 1 D *mf* D/C# G (D) G D G (Gmaj⁷) Asus⁴ A D

We bless you, O Ho - ly One, from the depths of our be - ing.

 **We bless you, O Holy One, from the depths of our being** (*repeat*)

From the depths of my soul, bless
the Holy One!
Bless the Holy Name from
my innermost being.


**In the depths of my soul, bless
the Holy name,
and do not forget the bounteous gifts
showered upon me.**

Bless the Holy One

**Who forgives your wicked deeds
and heals all your diseases,**

Who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and kindness,


**Who satisfies you with good things,
And renews your youth, lively as an eagle.**

 **We bless you, O Holy One, from the depths of our being**

The Holy One gives true justice
And fair judgements to all who are wronged,
**making the right ways known to Moses,
and the divine plans to Israel.**

Let all creation bless the Holy One
throughout the divine realm.

O my soul, bless the Holy One!

 **We bless you, O Holy One, from the depths of our being** *(repeat)*


2 Corinthians 4.7,16; 5.16-19

Reader: Oma Bawo–Oteri

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 11.1-7, 17-27, 38-44

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 a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.'

But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon: Youth Group

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: Youth Group

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.

We pray for the Church. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, priests, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter; praying especially for our wardens, Rosalind, Ashani, Debbie and Andrew; Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. I invite your prayers for this planet earth, our home (*people may add their own petitions aloud or in silence*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety (*people may add their own petitions aloud or in silence*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick. We pray today for those we know of who are facing critical medical issues; especially Charles, Heather, Danielle, Emmanuel, Karen, Mark J., Ross, Brenda M., Robbie, and James (*people may add other names aloud or in silence*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today in this community of St. Philip's; and bless the ministries of this parish as we serve Christ in all that we do (*people may add their own petitions aloud or in silence*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, 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 Nicholus Nsambu, Oma Bawo-Oteri, Laju Bawo-Oteri, Pauline Cassidy, Peter Schubert, Renee Mabee, Frances Clarkson, Arianna Maina, Penny Seymour, Mandy Mabee and any others in this congregation celebrating their birthday this month; and also on Stephen and Mandy Mabee, and Nigel Weaver & Jean Ward, and any others celebrating their anniversary this month (*people may add the names of any other loved ones celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in May*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith (*people may add the names of loved ones who have died aloud or in silence*). Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you 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

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,
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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.



**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: Arianna Maina, Communion Assistant: Oma Bawo-Oteri

 *Oceans*

**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand**

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

So I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine, oh

And You are mine, oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

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I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

 Those who wait on the Lord

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up on wings___as eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint,
Women: Those who wait
Men: Those who wait
All: On the Lord

I will wait on the Lord and renew my strength,
I will mount up on wings like and eagle,
I will run and not be weary,
I will walk and not faint,
Women: I will wait
Men: I will wait
All: On the Lord

 *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,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus. **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

On this first Sunday of the month, we share news of May birthdays: Pauline Cassidy, Peter Schubert Renee Mabee, Frances Clarkson, Penny Seymour, Mandy Mabee, Nicholus Nsmabu, Oma Bawo-Oteri, Laju Bawo-Oteri, Arianna Maina; and May anniversaries: Stephen and Mandy Mabee, Jean Ward and Nigel Weaver.

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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 – **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.
- Father Mike and Tracy will be on holiday from May 4th-19th. The Rev. James Liu will preach and preside on Sunday, May 10th and 17th. Maddy MacGregor will lead the congregational singing. If the need for urgent pastoral care should arise, please contact Deacon Greg at 647-230-1579. He will arrange for appropriate care as needed.

- Wednesday morning Eucharist and Bible Study is cancelled on May 6 and 13. It will resume Wednesday, May 20 at 10am.
- The next Choir practice will be held on **Saturday, May 23rd** from 3pm-5pm. All are welcome!

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.**

 **Go make a diff'rence
 we can make a diff'rence
 go make a diff'rence in the world. (repeat)**

**We are the salt of the earth,
 called to let the people see
 the love of God for you and me.
 We are the light of the world,
 not to be hidden but be seen.
 Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

Go make a diff'rence...

**We are the hands of Christ
 reaching out to those in need,
 the face of God for all to see.
 We are the spirit of hope –
 we are the voice of peace.
 Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

Go make a diff'rence...

**So let your love shine on,
 let it shine for all to see.
 Go make a diff'rence in the world.
 And the spirit of Christ
 will be with us as we go.
 Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

Go make a diff'rence...

Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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