

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
6th Sunday of Easter – May 10, 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

We welcome the Reverend James Liu as our presider and preacher this morning.

*Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in loving memory of her mother, Dorritt Paul by Jocelyn Barrows;
in loving memory of her mother, Shirley Berry given by Debbie McLean Schubert.*

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in loving memory of her mother, Dorritt Paul by Jocelyn Barrows.

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 536 *Singing songs of expectation*

- 1. Singing songs of expectation,
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness**

**Gleams and burns the guiding light:
Trusting God we march together
Stepping fearless through the night.**

2. **One the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Bright'ning all the path we tread:
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.**
3. **One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun:
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.**

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.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.

Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we,
loving you above all things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Ezekiel 34:7-15

Reader: Greg Gallagher

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66.7-18



Let us sing the glory of the Holy Name! (*repeat*)

Bless our God, all nations;
raise your voice in praise
to the one who keeps us among the living
never allowing our feet to stumble.

Let us sing the glory of the Holy Name!

You, Holy One, have tested us,
refined us like silver.

**You have caught us in a snare,
laid terrible burdens on our backs.**

You made enemies ride over our heads,
**led us through fire and water,
then gave us relief.**

I enter your house with burnt offerings
and fulfill the vows I made to you,
**vows I made with my lips
and spoke in times of my distress.**

I offer you sacrifice of fattened animals
with the smell of burning rams.

I offer bulls and goats.

 **Let us sing the glory of the Holy Name!**


Come all who revere God! Listen!
Hear what the Holy One has done for me.

**I called loudly to the Holy One,
great praise on the tip of my tongue.**

Had there been guild in my heart,
my God would not have listened.

**Indeed the Holy One heard
and listened to my voice in prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor ceased from faithful love.

 **Let us sing the glory of the Holy Name! (repeat)**

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader: Peter Lee

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring

you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

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, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon: The Reverend James Liu

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: Andrew Batte

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.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world; praying especially for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Today, we pray especially for those we know who are ill or facing medical procedures: Charles, Heather, Danielle, Emmanuel, Karen, Mark J., Ross, Brenda, Robbie, and James. We also pray for those living in long-term health care or ageing at home: Shirley B., Shirley H., Carmel, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, and Pauline.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. 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 *I Surrender All*

**1. All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine. [Refrain]**

**3. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me. [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.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick and ate
and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
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: Andrew Batte, Communion Assistant: Mieke Nicholson

Hymn 60 *I Come with Joy*

1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love,
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends'
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy to give the world,
the love that makes us one.

 *Open my Hand*

I believe in a blessing I don't understand
I've seen rain fall on wicked and the just
Rain is no measure of his faithfulness
He withholds no good thing from us
No good thing from us, no good thing from us

I believe in a peace that flows deeper than pain
That broken find healing in love

Pain is no measure of his faithfulness
He withholds no good thing from us

No good thing from us, no good thing from us
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I am nodding my head an emphatic yes
To all that You have for me

I believe in a fountain that will never dry
Though I've thirsted and didn't have enough
Thirst is no measure of his faithfulness
He withholds no good thing from us

No good thing from us, no good thing from us
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I am nodding my head an emphatic yes
To all that You have for me

No good thing from us
No good thing from us
He withholds no good thing from us

I will open my hands, will open my heart
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I am nodding my head an emphatic yes
To all that You have for me

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
you restored us to life by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will,
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

- 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 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.**

🎵 *We Are One In the Spirit*

- 1. We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord. (repeat)
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**
- 2. We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand. (repeat)
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land;
and they'll know we are Christians**

by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

3. We will work with each other
we will work side by side. (*repeat*)
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

4. All praise, Great Creator,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
the only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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