

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Pride Sunday
June 28 , 2026
10.30am - Holy Eucharist



We welcome you to worship this morning. Our celebration is joyful, reflective, playful and reverent, as we thank God for new life through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 - Pride Declaration, Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Flowers today are to the honor and glory of God; and in loving memory of loved ones given by Herman and Gloria Oliver.

Declaration

As a Community of Faith, we affirm the following declaration.

Our faith community wishes to tell the 2SLGBTQ+ community that you are welcome here. Many voices have been attacking the Trans and Drag communities, and queer people in general. Today, we speak out in favour of equitable conversation and hospitable love. We believe that God loves all human beings, of all sexualities and gender expressions. Too often religion has been used to express hate, which leads to fear and violence. We condemn justifying hate in the name of religion. Today we add our voice to those of many faiths across the country to state clearly that you are welcome here. God loves you. We want you to be safe here where we worship, and everywhere you go. Let us remember that we are all the children of God, who calls on us to love and support each other. We wish you a Happy Pride celebration.

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
and today especially the 2-Spirited people among them.**

**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

**The courage we borrow,
the courage we bring
shall bind us in strength
to the healing we sing.
The courage to face
any wound that we fear
shall bind us in beauty
and bless every tear.**

**Bring grace and bring kindness
to all that you sing,
to heal and to honour
each fierce tender thing.
Each shame left unspoken
may yet shine a light,
a place that seemed broken,
that place can give life.**

**The darkness we banish,
the shadow we blame
though hidden, may help us
to find our true name.
So bring all your courage
that all be made whole,
transforming your story
in body and soul.**

**Come gather your power
with good friends around.
Together we stand in
the truth of this ground.
Our courage can make us,
can heal and can mend,
and a wound can be sacred,
any wound we transcend.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Welcoming God,
make us apostles of your generous love,
so that we might offer hospitality that challenges the world
with your gift of eternal life, made known in Jesus Christ,
who offered himself for us. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Genesis 22:1-14

Reader: *Titus busonga*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns.

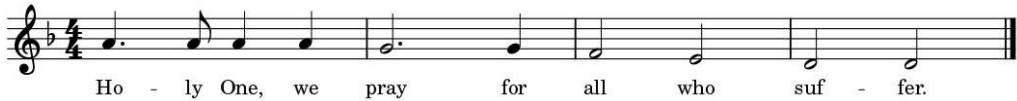
Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 13

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



♪ **Holy One, we pray for all who suffer.** (*repeats*)

Holy One, how long will your forget me?

Forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear deepest pain,

feel sorrow in my heart every day?

How long must my enemies triumph over me?

♪ **Holy One, we pray for all who suffer.**

Look at me! Answer me, Holy One, my God!

Give light to my eyes,

lest I sleep the sleep of death!

Lest my enemy claim, "I have triumphed!"

Lest my adversaries joy in my downfall.

As for me, I trust your faithful love;

my heart rejoices that you rescued me.

May I sing to the Holy One,

for all the wonders to be done for me!

♪ **Holy One, we pray for all who suffer.** (*repeats*)

Romans 6:12-23

Reader: Oma Bawo Oteri

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

♪ He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu - u - yan,
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
he - le, he - le - lu - u - yan. (*repeats*) ..

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu - u - yan,
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
he - le, he - le - lu - u - yan. (*repeats*)

Sermon: Robbie Walker

The Prayers of the People

We sit or kneel as we are most attentive for prayer.

In the midst of all that keeps our spirits frantic, overwhelmed, or troubled, we pause.

The prayer bell calls us to prayer

We pause to remember each other as those whose precious and precarious lives are inherently bound together. We pray for Heather, Emmanuel, Karen, Brenda M., Robbie, James, and Ashani, who are in particular need of prayer at this time; and for those living with ongoing medical issues, especially Danny, Carley, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Patrick, Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Diana, Patricia J., Fred, Jackson, and Everton. And we pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Shirley Humphries.

We pause to remember our neighbours – distant and near.

We pause to remember the basic gifts of water, of trees, of beauty, of the land we gather upon.

And we pray for all the queer, trans, and intersex children and youth across the globe.

For the ones who are struggling with feelings of isolation and shame. For those who have no safe place or people to retreat to. For those who must be teachers to the adults in their lives. For those who are unsafe in their communities. **God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our elders whose labour we are indebted to. For the ones who never tasted the freedom they fought for. For the ones who were forced to the fringes of their own movements. For the allies who suffered beside us, casting their lot with us in true solidarity. For the ones forgotten and betrayed. **God, hear our Prayer.**

We pray for all those who hunger for justice and liberation today. For the ones who lay down their lives for their friends. For the ones who tell the truth. For the ones who take risks, who dream, who feed and pray, who fight for bread and roses, both. For the ones who are eager to learn and grow and offer their gifts to the work of en fleshing your dreams.

God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are suffering in the church and the world at the hands of evil structures. For those imprisoned by the state. For those whose land has been taken. For the earth that groans beneath us. For those without food or housing. For those who have yet to repent.

God, hear our prayer.

We pray in gratitude for all that nourishes and sustains us. For the gifts of beauty and friendship, shared meals, art, and love. For laughter. For pleasure. For the friends, lovers, and comrades who lift our spirits, always by our side when the days are heavy. For the freedom we have in Christ.

God, hear our prayer.

For your presence within and around us, in our highs and lows, our hopes and our despair, God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and deepen our willingness to show up with and for one another, sharing in each other's burdens and working for one another's protection and care. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

In peace, we can let your light touch our deepest being, Rock of Ages, Rainbow of Love.

We slip, we err, we lose our way.

In quiet moments, we can confess the sin that has harmed us and the sin by which others have been harmed.

We often behave as if we are not loved,
as if you do not love every other creature,
as if we are not lovable at all.

Touch us with your light and forgive us, we pray.

Let us glow with the rainbow light of love.

Love persists.

Love knocks on the door and doesn't stop.

Love waits for us to open and welcome it in.

Be assured that you are lovable and loved.

Be assured that you have endless love within you because you are God's beloved child.

And may 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory

 *Fearfully, Wonderfully Made*

You were known,
known before birth,
woven deep,
deep in the earth.
You were formed
from stardust. Sing praise!
You are fearfully, wonderf'ly made ___
Yes, you are fearfully, wonderf'ly made. ___

You belong,
You are redeemed.
Loved by God,
God is well pleased.
Now embrace
What God has ordained:
You are fearfully, wonderf'ly made ___
Yes, you are fearfully, wonderf'ly made. ___

When you walk,
Walk through the flame.
God is there,
Calling your name.
God has said,
"Do not be afraid."
You are fearfully, wonderf'ly made ___
Yes, you are fearfully, wonderf'ly made. ___

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

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

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Gi - chi Ma - ni - do,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the high - est.

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

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,

Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

In the language closest to our hearts, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

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

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Server – Andrew Batte, Communion Assistant – Janet Churchill

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.

Communion Music



A Hymn For Self-Acceptance

- 1. When you feel change might be hopeless,
when you've given up on God,
when you feel you're not worth saving,
that your beingness is flawed.
When your prayers still seem unanswered,
not a sound from the Divine,
maybe you have been mistaken.
God is sending you a sign.**
- 2. Years and years, begging for turning
into something that you're not.
The wrong prayer you have been praying.
You are not God's after-thought.
You are made as God intended.
You are perfect flawless too!
May each one of you remember,
nothing severs God from you.**

3. **You are worth more than you realize.
You are wonderfully made
in the image of our Mother, Father, Parents, all the same.
Don't let doctrines of our churches
use the Word to misconstrue,
for it's written in the scriptures,
surely God delights in you!**



I Shall Not Leave From By Your Side

1. **I shall not leave from by your side;
where you will live, I shall abide.
Where you will go, I'll walk with you.
Where you will sleep, I'll slumber, too.**
2. **Your people, I shall call my own:
Flesh of my flesh, and bone of bone;
and to your God I'll sing my praise,
the One who whose love shall fill my days.**
3. **And when, at last, you close your eyes,
and angels bid your soul to rise,
my heart shall fly to heaven with you,
for death cannot such a love undo.**
4. **May God, who binds us heart to heart,
abide with us, and never part.
Though joy or pain may round us roll,
the love of God shall make us whole.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.


Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Announcements

- **Newcomer Lunch – Today following the 10:30 service. There will be no coffee hour following the 10:30 service today.**
- **Our summer schedule begins on Sunday, July 5th.** For July, August and the first two Sundays of September, there will be one Sunday service only at 10:00am, followed by refreshments on the lawn outside the main entrance of the church.
- Father Mike will be away on holiday from June 30 - July 14. Please contact Rev. Greg Lane (647-230-1579) or the parish office (416-247-5181) if you are in need of pastoral care. The Reverend James Liu will preside at our Sunday 10:00am services on July 5th and 12th.

Final Blessing

Siblings in Christ,
let us go with hearts full of courage,
that we might practice love that disrupts bigotry.
Let us go with hands that are not weapons or gestures
but the touch of love and care.
Let us go with minds open to experiencing God
in ways strange and unexpected, in ways ordinary and everyday.
Let us go with joy, for the Creator of all life goes with us.
And may the blessing of God,
the Source of all being, eternal Word and
Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

 *All The Colours Of The Rainbow*

1. **All the colours of the rainbow
live unseen in daily light,
but their splendors find expression
when released to human sight;
so the church reveals most beauty
where diversity is real:
breadth of race and class and gender,
room for doubt and space to heal.**

2. All the body's parts are wanted,
nor can one despise the rest:
head and hand must work together.
as must eye and ear and chest;
so the church needs all its members
for a range of ministries:
varied gifts with one great mission,
"Do this for the least of these."

3. Every language gains more music
when the words for peace appear:
Pax, Salaam, Eirini, Heiwa,
Pace, Santi, Frieden, Mir.
Though our tongues make sounds that vary
all bespeak a common home:
longing for the end of conflict
and a new life in God's shalom.

4. Teach us, God, our need of others;
through them help us fully live.
Wean us from our selfish habits;
let us listen, learn, forgive.
May we see your longed-for image
in each human heart and face,
and behold how those around us
can be channels of your grace.

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

Thanks be to God.

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