

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Pentecost 7
July 12, 2026
10:00am 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

We Welcome the Reverend James Liu, who will be presiding and preaching this morning.

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in loving memory of Rev. Cannon George and Ellen Thompson given by Frances Clarkson.

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 445 *God the Creator*

- 1. God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.**
- 2. O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
Making your will and purpose my own.**

3. **O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.**
4. **And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.**

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.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.
By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy,
live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Genesis 25:19-34

Reader: Kathy Bignell Jones

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out

Your decrees are my eternal inheritance
They are the joy of my heart.

I have firmly resolved to obey your laws.

The reward is eternal!

♪ Holy One teach us your way, and help us walk in it (*repeat*)

Romans 8:1-11

Reader: Kennedy Stevens

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

♪ Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah! (X3)

Hal - le - lu - jah! ' Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables,

saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le ' lu - jah! (X3)

Hal - le - lu - jah! ' Hal - le - lu - jah!

Sermon: The Reverend James Liu

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Tony Manolis

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. We pray for those given particular responsibility for this garden of St. Philip's: our wardens, Rosalind, Ashani, Debbie and Andrew; our staff, Tracy, Amanda and Charles; and our clergy, Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world, especially in The Middle East, Eastern Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, and parts of Asia and Latin America. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals and food banks here in our own city of Toronto, for temporary foreign labourers who toil under the hot sun without refreshment to grow our food, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for those in our congregation we know who are ill or facing medical procedures: Heather, Emmanuel, Karen, Brenda, Robbie, James and Ashani; and for those who live with ongoing medical conditions, especially Shirley B., Carmel, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, and Pauline . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners
and inviting them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Offertory

Hymn 258 *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*

1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is feed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter;
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the roadside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

Refrain

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our live, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and keep us in your peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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, Breaking of Bread & Invitation to Communion

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.

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

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: Oma Bawo-Oteri

Hymn 646 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

- Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make our hearts your home;
descend with all your gracious pow'rs:
O come, great Spirit, come!**
- Come as the light: to us reveal
our emptiness and woe,
and lead us in those paths of life
wherein the righteous go.**

3. **Come as the fire and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame;
let our whole life an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.**
4. **Come as the dove and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love;
and let your church on earth become
blest as the church above.**
5. **Come as the wind, with rushing sound
and Pentecostal grace,
that all of woman born may see
the glory of your face.**
6. **Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
make this lost world your home
descend with all your gracious pow'rs:
O come, great Spirit, come!**



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.....

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... (Repeats)

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

- **Our summer schedule:** 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 is away on holiday, and will return on 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.

Final Blessing, Hymn & Dismissal

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

355 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

- 1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!**
**Bright burning sun and golden beams
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!**
**Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!**
**Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4. Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!**
**All flowers and fruit that in you grow
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

Thanks be to God.

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