

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Pentecost 8 – Healing Prayer
July 19, 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

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and in memory of Gladys Clarkson, Bill Clarkson and Dorothy Anderson 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 502 *You Are Salt for the Earth* (the congregation sings **bold text**)

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

2. You are the light on the hill, O people:

light for the kingdom of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:

shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people:

bring forth the kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice

grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people

bound for the kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain

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.

O God, patient and forbearing,

strengthen our spirit when we are slow

and temper our zeal when we are rash,

so that in your own good time you may

produce in us a rich harvest

from the seed you have sown and tended;

through Jesus Christ, the promise of a new creation. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Genesis 28:10-19a

Reader: Frances Clarkson

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

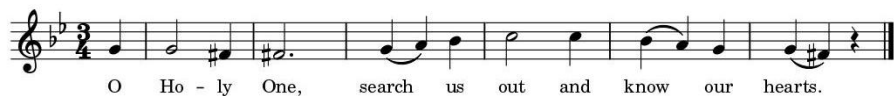
And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139.1-11, 22-23

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



♪ O Ho - ly One, search us out and know our hearts. (repeats)

Holy One, you have searched me out!

You know me!

You know when I sit, when I stand;

from far away you discern my thoughts.

You trace my journeys and my resting places,

you are familiar with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue

but you, you know it completely.

Your embrace is all around me.

You lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

so exalted that I cannot grasp it.

♪ O Ho - ly One, search us out and know our hearts.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your Presence?

If I climb into the heavens you are there;

**if I make my bed in the grave,
you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning,

and alight in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**even there your hand will lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.**

If I should say, "Let darkness hide me

and the light around me turn to night,"

darkness is no darkness with you!

The night is as clear as the day!

Darkness and light to you are both alike!

O God, search me out. Know my heart.

Examine me. Know my anxious thoughts.

See whether I have followed the path of falsehood.

Lead me in ancient, everlasting way.

♪ **O Ho - ly One, search us out and know our hearts.** (*repeats*)

Romans 8. 12-25

Reader: Eric Kiragu

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is

seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13.24-30, 36-43

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 put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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!

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: Chiagozie Azuh

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 source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. Strengthen our leaders and give them the wisdom to guide us, praying especially for our wardens, Rosalind, Ashani, Debbie and Andrew; our staff, Tracy, Amanda and Charles; for Greg, our deacon; Mike, our Incumbent; Kevin, Rysilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see.

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

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. Today, we pray for those close to our hearts who are facing urgent medical issues: Heather, Emmanuel, Karen, Brenda M, Robbie, and James; for those who live with ongoing medical concerns: Danny, Carley, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Patrick, Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Diana, Patricia J., Fred, Jackson, Everton, and Patricia S.; and for those who live in long-term care or with the challenges that come with age: Shirley B., Carmel, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, and Pauline. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence.

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 631 *The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy*

1. **The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**
2. **The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**
3. **The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.**
4. **God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do to offer ourselves
as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.

Eternal God, Source of all being,

we give you thanks and praise

for your faithful love.

You call us into friendship

with you and one another

to be your holy people,

a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,

unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others,

you confront us in your love

and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak,

and those, broken and alone,

whom you have always welcomed home,

making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices

with angels and archangels,

forever praising you and singing:

♪ **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!

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, 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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion, Anointing and Healing Prayer

During Communion we have a time of prayer for God's healing in our own lives and in the lives of those we care for. We begin with a unison prayer, then after receiving Communion, all who wish may come forward for prayer and anointing with our prayer team.

**Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician
to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son,
give your Church, by the grace of the Spirit
and the medicine of the gospel,
the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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: Bawo Bawo-Oteri, Assistant: Andrew Batte

Hymn 638 *O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath*

1. **O Holy Spirit by whose breath
life rises vibrant out of death,
come to create, renew, inspire;
come kindle in our hearts your fire.**
2. **You are the seeker's sure resource,
of burning love the living source,
protector in the midst of strife,
the giver and the Lord of life.**
3. **In you God's energy is shown;
to us your varied gifts made known.
Teach us to speak; teach us to hear;
yours is the tongue and yours the ear.**
4. **Flood our dull senses with your light;
in mutual love our hearts unite.
Your power the whole creation fills;
confirm our weak, uncertain wills.**
5. **From inner strife grant us release.
Turn nations to the ways of peace.
To fuller life your people bring,
that as one body we may sing:**

**praise to the Father, Christ his Word,
and to the Spirit: God 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.....

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)

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our 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, 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.

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

434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

1. **The love of Jesus calls us
our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings
we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings,
unasked yet still received,
and for the generations
who faithfully believed.**
2. **The love of Jesus calls us,
that we may always be
companions on a journey,
where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom
which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty,
and every duty joy.**

3. **The love of Jesus call us
to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits,
to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us,
that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom,
Christ opens every door.**
4. **The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators
in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women
may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice
may give God's kingdom birth.**

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

Thanks be to God.

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