

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Pentecost 9
July 26, 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 loving memory of Betty Austin given by Kidd family; In loving memory of Bill Humphries, given by the late Shirley Humphries.

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

643 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

- 1. Holy Spirit, come with power,
breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing,
we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation,
give us vigour, life anew.**
- 2. Holy Spirit, come with fire,
burn us with your presence new.**

Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness
and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation,
give us gladness from above.

3. Holy Spirit, bring your message,
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness,
lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your word.

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.

Scandalous God, you sow weeds among the crop,
raise bread with impure yeast,
offer treasure without price
and cast a net that catches good and bad:
throw down our idols of purity and possession,
so that you might reveal in us your wide-branching love;
through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Genesis 29. 15-28

Reader: Joan Barltrop

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had

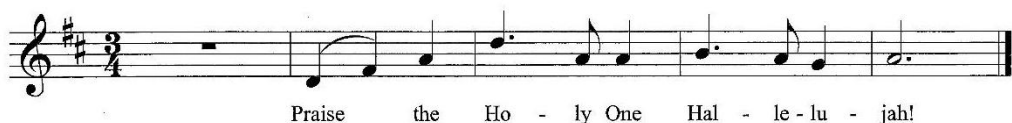
two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105.1-11, 45c

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



♪ Praise the Holy One. Hallelujah! (repeats)

Praise the holy one, invoke the great Name;

Proclaim among the peoples God's amazing deeds.

Play and sing to the Holy One;

Meditate on all the wonders.

Glorify the Holy Name

You who seek the God, rejoice with your whole heart.

♪ Praise the Holy One. Hallelujah!

Depend on the strength of the Holy One,

always seek the Presence.

Remember the great miracles,

the wonderful signs and just judgements.

Yes, you, offspring of Abraham, servants of God,

descendants of Jacob, chosen of God.

The Holy One is truly our God,
Justly and rightly ruling the world,

**Who always remembers the divine covenant,
things commanded for a thousand generations.**

Those God carved out with Abraham, and swore to Isaac,
confirmed to Jacob as statute,

to Israel as eternal covenant saying,

"To you I give the land of Canaan, your hereditary home."

Praise the Holy One!

♪ **Praise the Holy One. Hallelujah!** (*repeats*)

Romans 8. 26-39

Reader: Peter Lee

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13.31-33, 44-52

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 is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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 Mike Stuchbery

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: Rosalind Chahal

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 wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, postulancy committees, those studying in seminary (especially Maddy), those exploring calls as deacons or priests, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. Strengthen our current 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, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places.

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

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray especially today for those we know who are ill or are facing urgent medical issues: Heather, Emmanuel, Karen, Brenda M, Robbie, and James; and those we know who live with ongoing health issues: Danny, Carley, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Patrick, Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Diana, Patricia J., Fred, Jackson, Everton, and Patricia S.

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

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us.

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

God our care-giver, we pray for the ministry of Deacon Greg, carried out in the wider community; for his spiritual care of the residents at Wesburn Manor and Castlevew Wychwood Towers. We also pray for the congregation we serve with our monthly Eucharist at the Village of Humber Heights. Bless all those in these residences that we serve and with whom we worship and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. 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 408 *Wind upon the Waters*

1. Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.
2. Showers from the heavens,
water from the earth,
gift so wholly given,
source of every birth,
joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.
3. Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand,
prairie, field, and meadow
shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.
4. Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night,
burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.
5. Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.

**Come, O Spirit, and renew
all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of grace,
accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

♪ **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, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he 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

for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.

Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and 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.

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.**

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: Maddy MacGrgor, Assistant: Mieke Nicholson

Hymn 61 *As We Gather at Your Table*

1. **As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.**
2. **Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**
3. **Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.**

There no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

♪ 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.....

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.

God of grace, we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.

May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises.

We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **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 **576** *For the Healing of the Nations*

1. **For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things the earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**
2. **Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**
3. **All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
may we hallow life's brief span.**
4. **You Creator, God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

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

Thanks be to God.

Copyright notices and licensing: Permission to print and podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License #A-712212. All rights reserved.

Holy Spirit, Come with Power Text: Anne Neufeld Rupp © Music: Public Domain

Wind upon the Waters Text and Music: Marty Haugen © 1986 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

As We Gather at Your Table Text: Carl P. Daw © 1989 Hope Publishing Music: Alfred V. Fedak © Selah Publishing Co. Inc.

Those who wait on the Lord - lyrics based on Isaiah 41; tune by Tracy Stuchbery

For the Healing of the Nations Text: Fred Kaan, alt. © 1968 Hope Publishing Co.

Prayers, Liturgy Copyright © 2004 by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. All rights reserved. Reproduced under license from ABC Publishing, Anglican Book Centre, a ministry of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, from *Anglican Liturgical Library*. Further copying is prohibited.

Scripture Readings Reprinted from the *New Revised Standard Version* © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Psalms Songs for the Holy One © 2004 Thomas Barnett and Donald Patriquin Wood Lake Books. One License #A-712212. All rights reserved.