

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Pentecost 14
August 30, 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 thanksgiving for blessings received, given by Ashani and family.

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 430 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

1. **Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**
2. **Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**
3. **Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

4. **Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when I but call your name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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,
in the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people.
In the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain.
As we take up the cross,
show us the transforming power of your love,
so that we may know the hope of your glory. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Exodus 3:1-15

Reader: Louisa Njau

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c

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



Praise the Holy One! Hallelujah! (repeat)

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 God, rejoice with your whole heart.

Depend on the strength of the Holy One,
always seek the Presence.
Remember the great miracles,
the wonderful signs and just judgments.
Yes, you, offspring of Abraham,
servants of God,
descendants of Jacob, chosen of God.



Praise the Holy One! Hallelujah!

The Israel came to Egypt,
Jacob became an alien in the land of Ham.
The Holy One made them very fruitful,
more powerful than their enemies.
God made Egypt hate the chosen people,
treat abominably the Holy servants.

The Holy One sent Moses,
and Aaron the chosen one.
They performed God's signs,
miracles in Ham's country.

All: Praise the Holy One



Praise the Holy One! Hallelujah! (repeat)

Romans 12. 9-21

Reader: Eric Kiragu

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16. 21-28

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.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 Greg Lane

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: Peter Lee

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Strengthen our leaders here at St. Philip's 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters, remembering especially the people of Nepal who lost loved ones in a flash flood this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit especially those who are currently experiencing serious health issues and have asked for our prayers: Heather, Emmanuel, Karen, Brenda M., Robbie, James, and Naume. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

 *Jesus, You Tell Me*

Refrain

**Jesus, you tell me -
Whatever I do to the least of your fam'ly -
I do to you, (repeat from here)
to you. (2nd time)**

**They are hungry. Can I offer food? -
They are thirsty. Can I bring them drink? -
They are all stran - gers. Can I welcome them, welcome them?**

**They are homeless. Can I offer shelter? -
They are injured. Can I care for them? -
They are in pri - son. Can I visit them, visit them?**

Refrain

**I am hungry. Will they offer food? -
I am thirsty. Will they bring a drink? -
I am a stran - ger. Will they welcome me, welcome me?**

**I am homeless. Will they offer shelter? -
I am injured. Will they care for me? -
I am in pri - son. Will they visit me, visit me?**

Refrain

**Christ is hungry. Will we offer food? -
Christ is thirsty. Will we bring a drink? -
Christ is a stran - ger. Will we welcome them, welcome them?**

**Christ is homeless. Will we offer shelter? -
Christ is injured. Will we care for them? -
Christ is in pri - son. Will we visit them, visit them?**

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another
that your love may be made perfect in us.
We ask this 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 indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name.

♪ **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 God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.

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

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,

and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, Breaking of Bread & Invitation to Communion

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray in the language closest to our hearts.
**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 which has come down from
heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

*Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine.
I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,
come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you;
never let me be separated from you. Amen.*

Server: Andrew Batte, Communion Assistant: Janet Churchill

 *The Open Table (Come to the Table)*

1. **Come, oh come, come to the table.
Gather 'round, come without fear.
Known by name, here at the table, this table;
Welcome here, to the table of love.**

2. Circle round, let's join together.
Share your joys, and bring your tears.
Strength and hope found at the table, this table;
Welcome here, to the table of love.
3. God is love; Love is creating ____
Something new, right here, right now.
We're children of God, here at the table, this table;
Welcome here, to the table of love.

Hymn 494 *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels*

1. Not for tongues of heaven's angels,
not for wisdom to discern,
not for faith that masters mountains,
for this better gift we yearn:

Refrain

May love be ours, Lord;
May love be ours.
May love be ours, O Lord.

2. Love is humble, love is gentle,
love is tender, true, and kind;
love is gracious, ever patient,
generous of heart and mind:

Refrain

3. Never jealous, never selfish,
love will not rejoice in wrong;
never boastful nor resentful,
love believes and suffers long:

Refrain

4. In the day this world is fading,
faith and hope will play their part;
but when Christ is seen in glory,
love shall reign in every heart.

Refrain



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.....

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May your holy food strengthen us in love

and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of 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 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.
- Join us for a Caribbean Lunch on Sunday, September 20, from 12:30–2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 60 Dixon Road. Tickets: Adults \$20 | Teens \$10. Speak to Rosalind or Connie for tickets.
- Join us for the opening recital of St. Philip's Recital Series 2026/27 on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. featuring Emerging Artist, pianist Amber Chow. Come and enjoy an inspiring afternoon of live music at St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke. Admission by donation. All are welcome.

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.**

Hymn 537 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

1. **In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**
2. **When the woes of life o'er take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
3. **When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.**

- 4 **Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**
- 5 **In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

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

Thanks be to God.

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