

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Pentecost 17 – Healing Prayer
September 20, 2026
10:30am Holy Eucharist



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

Gathering of the Community

Flowers today are given in loving memory of Pat's parents and of Terry's parents, donated by Pat and Terry Rose.

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 589 *Come, O God of All the Earth* (cantor and **congregation**)

1. Come, O God of all the earth:
come to us, O righteous one;
come, and bring our love to birth
in the glory of your Son.

Refrain

**Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you.**

2. Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;

teach us all to sing your name:

may our lives your love confess. *Refrain*

3. Come, O God of flashing light,
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one. *Refrain*

4. Come, O God of snow and rain:
shower down upon the earth;
come, O God of joy and pain,
God of sorrow, God of mirth. *Refrain*

5. Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease:
bring us all to life in you. *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.

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Exodus 16.2-15

Reader: Chiagozie Azuh

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105. 1-6, 37-45



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.



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 judgments.
Yes, you, offspring of Abraham, servants of God,
descendants of Jacob, chosen of God.



Praise the Holy One! Hallelujah!

The Holy One led Israel out with silver and gold.
No one stumbled.
Egypt was happy to see them go, they were so afraid of them.
God spread cloud-cover over them,
and fire to light up the night.
They petitioned. Quails came,
and heavenly bread to still their hunger.
The rock opened, water poured out.
They crossed rivers dry-shod.

God honoured the holy promises made to faithful Abraham,
Brought out the chosen people
rejoicing and shouting for joy.
The Holy One gave them foreign lands,
others' labour as their inheritance.
All this so they might keep God's ordinances,
observe the divine teaching.



Praise the Holy One! Hallelujah! (repeat)

Philippians 1. 21-30

Reader: *Andrew Batte*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a

manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 15.21-28

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.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

We believe in God,
who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one,
the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world
and suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an
end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Chiagozie Azuh

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. 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, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane our Primate.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, coping with chronic health issues and for those living in long-term care or whose ability to get out of their home is limited and for all in any need, especially those we know: Heather, Emmanuel, Karen, Brenda M, Robbie, James, Naume, Peter J., Elizabeth and Victoria; for Shirley B., Carmel, Jim, Herman & Gloria, Valerie, Mae, John & Eleanor, and Pauline; and for Danny, Carley, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Patrick, Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Ruth, Diana, Patricia J., Fred, Jackson, Patricia S., Debbie J., Sue M., Tommy, and Lilian. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labour serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled and give strength to the family of Lilycia. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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

Creator,
**out of your abundant love
all things live and move and have their being.
We confess that we have turned away from you
and from your image in our neighbours.
We have neglected the creatures that surround us,
the water that renews us,**

and the earth that nourishes us.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us
that we might hear the song of your creation once again
and see your love in all living things. **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

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills
before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Offertory

401 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

1. **My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing.**

2. **Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing?**

Refrain

3. **What though the tempest 'round me roar,
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth.**

Refrain

4. **When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear the death knells ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?**

Refrain

5. **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mind since I am his;
how can I keep from singing?**

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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.

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

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory

♪ 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!

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

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

The Lord's Prayer, Breaking of Bread

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.**

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.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Server: Andrew Batte , Assistant: Areana Maina

Hymn 63 *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup* (**refrain all**, verses cantor)

Refrain

**Eat this bread, drink this cup
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup.
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

1. I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. *Refrain*
2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain*
3. Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*
4. Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever. *Refrain*
5. If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. *Refrain*

Hymn 414 *God of the Sparrow*

1. **God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
5. God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

 O Great Earth

1. Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your *animals* for *animals* can hear
The rhythm of your heart-beat.
2. Great Earth so green and so blue,
This is the promise that I'll make to you:
To care for your _____ for _____ can hear
The rhythm of your heart-beat.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Ruler of the universe,
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things
grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same 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

- Join us for a Caribbean Lunch Today, 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.
- Don't miss the first Jazz Vespers of the season, featuring Juno and ECMA-nominated singer Heather Bambrick. September 27th @ 4pm.
- 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.
- Mark October 31st in your calendar, and be here from 9:30am-3:00pm for a day of parish visioning. Let's gather together and prayerfully seek the direction that God is leading us in for the next few years. YOUR VOICE VOICE IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE DIALOGUE! Registration details coming soon.

Final Blessing, Hymn & Dismissal

God the Creator, who formed the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of all creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear the fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, the Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 428 *God Who Gives to Live Its Goodness*

1. **God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.**
2. **God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by love refined.**

Go forth into the world in peace:
care for God's creation;
bring healing to the earth;
stand with the vulnerable.
Serve God with joy!
Thanks be to God.

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