

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Pentecost 18
Orange Shirt Day
September 27, 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 parents, Margaret and Frank McLain and Jessie and Alex Hillis, and of other family members by the Hillis family; in loving memory of Barbara Lilywhite given by Derek 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

Opening Hymn  Come And Join Us

- 1. Come and join us on the journey
on towards the light.
Let us share with one another
as we gain insight.
In the stories that we share
as we venture, risk and dare,
we will sing the song of justice
as we live in love.**

2. Come and be a faithful witness
to the power of grace,
as we walk the path of kindness
and share love's embrace.
In a silent time of prayer
for Creation everywhere
we will sing the song of caring
as we live in love.
3. Can you hear Creation crying
in the climate change?
Do we search with courage, caring
justice to arrange?
In pollution, floods and fire
let us all seek to inspire
while we sing the song of oneness
as we live in love.
4. Come and listen to the teachings
that are old and new.
They will tell us of our calling
and what we're to do.
In both times of solitude
and in friendship's interlude
we will sing the song of service
as we live in love.

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.

Prayer for Season of Creation

Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all the things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.
 Creator God, Sunkwiyatisu and Gitchi Manitou,
 of peace, justice, and concord;
 open our ears, our eyes, our lungs, and our hearts,
 give us the spirit of condolence.
 Instill in us the Good Mind.
 Let us seek your justice in a broken world,
 let us search for understanding in your Creation.
 Help us to be reconciled to you and to each other.
 In the self-giving ethic of the Cross,
 let us be emptied of hatred and apathy,
 greed and selfishness.
 Fill us with the wideness and wildness of your Spirit,
 in the name of your First Son, Jesus Christ, we ask all this. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Exodus 17. 1-7

Reader: *Frances Clarkson*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 78.1-4, 12-16



♪ **Holy One, give us the strength to trust you,
as we strive for reconciliation and peace. (repeat)**

O my people, listen to my teaching;
turn your ear to my words.

I will open my mouth for a story,
to expound questions from the past,
things that we have heard and known
and that our ancestors told us.

**We will not hide these things from our children,
but tell the next generation
about the praiseworthy and power-filled work,
the marvelous acts of the Holy One.**

God performed a miracle on behalf of their ancestors
in the land of Egypt, near Zoan.

**God divided the sea and carried them across,
the waters standing like a wall on either side.**

They were led by a cloud by day, by light of fire by night.

**The Holy One split rocks in the desert,
to let them drink as freely as from the sea.**

God brought water from the cliff,
waters flowing like rivers.

♪ **Holy One, give us the strength to trust you,
as we strive for reconciliation and peace. (repeat)**

Children's Story

Phyllis's Orange Shirt - by Phyllis Webstad

Read by Michele Parkin

♪ He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu-u - yan,
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
he - le, he - le - lu-u - yan. (repeats)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21. 23-32

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.

When he arrived at the lodge, the head holy men were waiting for him.

They and the ruling elders of the people came to him. "By what right do you

do these things?" they challenged. "Who gave you this right?" "First you must answer one question from me," he challenged back, "and then I will tell you what gives me the right. The purification ceremony performed by Gift of Goodwill (John), was it from the spirit-world above, or did it come from human beings?

They put their heads together and talked it over. "If we say it is from the spirit-world above, he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him? But if we say it is from human beings, we fear what this crowd would do, for they are sure Gift of Goodwill (John) was a prophet.

"So then," Creator Sets Free(Jesus) said to them, "neither will I tell you what gives me the right to do these things."

"How do you see it?" he asked them. "A man with two sons came to one of his sons and said, 'Son, will you work in my vineyard today?'. At first the son told him "No", but later changed his mind and went to work. "Then the man went to his other son and asked him the same. He told his father, 'Yes, I will' but never went."

Creator Sets Free(Jesus) looked right at the spiritual leaders and asked, "Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?" They said to him, "The first one."

"I speak truth from my heart," he said to them, "tribal tax collectors and those who sell sexual favors will find their way onto Creator's good road ahead of you! Gift of Goodwill (John) came to show the good way, but you refused to hear him. You saw how the tribal tax collectors and those who sell sexual favors put their trust in him, but not even this changed your mind to believe him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
He - le, he - le - lu-u - yan,
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan,
he - le, he - le - lu-u - yan. (repeats)

Sermon : Video - Murray Sinclair on Reconciliation with Phyllis Webstad

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: Janet Churchill

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

Powerful Christ,
we are grateful that you came to us as a child,
who grew out of a community that nurtured, supported, and taught you the
way of your ancestors.
You have asked us to do the same:
to treat every child as we would treat you,
to love every person as you have loved us.
We are grateful that
your power is rooted in love, not force;
your strength is displayed through community, not might.
You have taught us to work toward a better world where all of creation
thrives, and where every child matters.
On this Orange Shirt Day, we remember Phyllis Webstad as a child, and the
bright shirt taken from her that first day in residential school.
We remember the stolen childhoods of all the children forcibly raised by
church and state-run institutions, known as residential schools.
We lament how these institutions
stole from children the opportunity to grow in a safe and loving
environment,
stole from Elders the opportunity to share their teachings and wisdom with
younger generations;
and stole from communities the opportunity to live intergenerationally.

We mourn the children who never made it home, the communities that were destroyed, the broken hearts,
the stories never shared,
and the shattered relationships.

We ask that you provide comfort to all who are seeking healing and who daily wrestle with the ongoing harmful legacy of these colonial institutions, strength to all who name how colonial powers have harmed us as peoples and as a nation; often at great personal cost, and courage to all who are working toward reconciliation.

Christ Child, As you grew, you reminded us to always welcome and care for children.

We remember your children today.

We lament and acknowledge the sinful ways that colonial powers tried to eradicate Indigenous cultures within Canada,

**breaking Indigenous families,
removing children from their homes while destroying communities.**

And we pray for healing,
so that we who live together in this country
**can also work together to build a better future
where all children are cherished, beloved,
and given what they need to thrive.**

So that we may treat all children as we would treat you, our Beloved.
May it be so. Amen.

Tree of Reconciliation - A Ritual of Remembrance

We invite you to enter a time of quiet reflection.

What is stirring in your heart as you listen, learn and pray about Canada's history with the First Nations of this land and the ongoing quest for truth and reconciliation?

Write or draw a message on the orange card provided and place it on the tree in front of the pulpit.

May this tree be an outward and visible sign of our commitment and dedication to the work of truth and reconciliation. May these thoughts and prayers take root in our hearts and may our branches reach far and wide, encompassing all.

Music: "Take My Hand" written and performed by Jeremy Dutcher, Wolastoqiyik member of the Tobique First Nations in New Brunswick.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table.
Sometimes we stand before you, our Creator,
broken and hurting. Let us confess our sins and
hurt in order to be forgiven and healed.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

Almighty God, Creator, Great Spirit
We confess the many times we forget you
And choose not to walk in your path.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have hurt us.
Bring us to peace, joy and all the good things
You have created for us.
Give us your blessing and help.
Let us walk in your great love
And renew us like the sacred eagles which fly above us.
Through the great Peacemaker, Jesus our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, the Creator, forgive, heal and bless you.
May he always walk with you and you with Him;
In the great name of Jesus. **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

Offertory **Hymn** *Let Justice Flow Down*

Refrain:

Let justice flow down,
Down like a river,
Down to the valleys where creation cries.
Righteousness flow,
Through us forever;
Lead us to the streams that will never run dry.

**1. Flow to the mouths of the hungry,
Flow to the hands of the poor.
Flow to the hearts of the orphans,
Heal the wounds of war.**

Refrain

**2. Flow to the streets of the homeless,
Finding no place they can go.
Flow to the cells of the prisoners,
Who face each day alone.**

Refrain

**3. Flow through the courts of the nations,
Guide us in love's decrees.
Lead us to streams of salvation;
And fill our lands with peace.**

Refrain

**4. Flow to the hearts of all peoples
Living on stolen land.
Lead us to truth and forgiveness
So we can stand hand in hand.**

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Source of all life,
heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day,
in the name 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 to God.

Let us give thanks to God, who creates, loves,
and sustains the universe.

We rejoice in God our Creator.

We give you thanks and praise, God our Creator.

Your infinite love created a universe of wonder.
At the dawn of time
your Word summoned light
and bade it blaze forth in the darkness.

From your breath sprang
the dance of the stars in the night sky.
You laid the foundations of the earth,
spread out the seas,
and stretched out the heavens like a tent above our heads.
You brought forth life in marvellous variety: mosses, grasses and trees
insects and animals that move with grace and beauty,
birds that ride the winds, and the shimmering creatures of the waters.

All creation bears witness to you:
your glory shines forth in the night sky;
your wisdom is seen in the cunning miracle of a living cell;
your care is found in the generous bounty of the earth;
your joy flashes forth in a hawk on the wing;
your beauty meets us in the birth of each new day.
All things praise you in their own way,
and we join in that chorus as we sing:

♪ **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!

For such praise you created us,
youngest of all your creatures:
alongside all of creation you formed us of the earth,
along with all life we are quickened by your breath,
but of all creation you made us to bear your image
in loving care for all creation.
You call us to lift the voices of all creatures
to praise you through language, music, and art.

But we have failed you, failed your creation,
and failed our own nature.

We have forgotten our connection with the earth and all life.
We imagine ourselves masters of our own destiny.
We have betrayed our duty to care for creation,
and exploit it ruthlessly in our shortsighted greed.

To recall us to our true nature, you sent your Son Jesus.
In him divinity entered into creation, sharing our human flesh,
showing us our true calling as servants and priests of creation.

When Jesus was led by our selfishness, fear, and lust for power
to cruel suffering and death, he did not abandon us.

Gathering his disciples on the night before his death,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it, saying:

“This is my body, given for you.

Take and eat” – that I may dwell in you,
that you may become my body,
bringing nourishment and life to all.

After supper he took the cup of wine,
blessed it and shared it with them, saying:

“This is my blood, shed for you.

Drink this” – that you might have a part in my death,
dying to selfishness, violence, and sin,
and raised to the redeemed life of the kingdom.

Remembering his sharing of our flesh,
his embrace of life and acceptance of death,
his glorious resurrection as the first born of your new Creation,
we offer ourselves,
our lives and labour and aspirations to you, O God.

May we be transformed into the Body of Christ,
that we might fulfil our purpose of caring for Creation,
and giving praise to you our Creator.

Pour out on us anew your Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
who nourishes and sustains all things living,
who sighs for redemption in all Creation and in the depths of our hearts.
Sanctify to us this meal of the Kingdom.

Renew our hearts, renew our lives, renew the face of the earth.

Gather all nations and all creatures together into your peaceable kingdom,
where together, in infinite diversity, we may sing with joy your praise,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and evermore. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, Breaking of Bread

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.

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: Janet Churchill

🎵 Hymn *God Weeps at Love Withheld*

1. **God weeps
at love withheld,
at strength misused,
at children's innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love,
God weeps.**
2. **God bleeds
at anger's fist,
at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win,
God bleeds.**

3. God cries
at hungry mouths,
at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care,
God cries.
4. God waits
for stones to melt,
for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other's need,
and till we understand the Christ,
God waits.



Hymn *Spirit, open my heart*

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. (*Refrain*)
2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. (*Refrain*)
3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sibling, neighbour.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. (*Refrain*)



O *Great Earth*

1. O 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. O 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.

God of our hope,
in this eucharist we find the source of all our blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries
may we, with our lives,
give you continual thanks and praise.
This we ask 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

- Don't miss the first Jazz Vespers of the season, featuring Juno and ECMA-nominated singer Heather Bambrick. Today @ 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.
- We are preparing a special All Souls & Remembrance Day edition of our parish newsletter to honour and remember our loved ones, including beloved pets. You are invited to submit a photo, monument/headstone photo, or pet photo, along with a short remembrance message of up to 50 words.
 - **Cost: \$50 per space**
 - Submission deadline: October 20, 2026**
 - Publication date: November 1, 2026**

- For more information or to submit a remembrance, please contact Ros or Amanda at the Church Office – 416-247-5181.

Final Blessing & Hymn

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 *MV 144 Like a Healing Stream*

1. Like a healing stream
in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing
life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...
like a healing stream.
2. Like a gentle rain
on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to
nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil
to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end
to want and need...
like a gentle rain.
3. Like a river strong
with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing
on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel
in a new direction,
calling for an end
to hate and war...
like a river strong.

4. Like a mighty sea
reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love
both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always
challenge and provide!
5. Like a great blue lake
with an open shoreline
Spirit water making room for all to come.
God is calling us together to rebuild relations,
holding us together, building trust,
like a great blue lake,
like a mighty sea,
like a river strong,
like a gentle rain,
like a healing stream.

Dismissal

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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