

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Pentecost 22 – October 25, 2026
10:30 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

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Announcements

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for our children, Bryce & Matt, Taylor & Cat, and Reed, given by Debbie and Peter Schubert.

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 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love,
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. **All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**
3. **Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

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.

Your love, O God, is boundless.
We who were strangers have been made your children;
we who were defenceless have been brought into your household.
Keep us mindful of your mercy,
so that we may love you with our whole heart
and love our neighbour as ourselves.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

Deuteronomy 34. 1-12

Reader: Frances Clarkson

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17



Gracious God, strengthen our hands that we may serve. (repeats)

O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were born,
or land and world brought to birth,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

 **Gracious God, strengthen our hands that we may serve.**

You turn everyone back to dust and say, "Go back, you mortals!"

**Truly a thousand years in your eyes pass by like yesterday,
like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it sprouts and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

Come back, Holy One! O God, how long?

Have pity on your servants!

**Satisfy us with your love and loyalty,
to let us sing with joy all our life long.**

Give us joy in return for all the days you tormented us,
all the years we suffered evil.

**Let your deeds be seen by your servants,
and your splendour by their children.**

May the delightfulness of our wonderful God be upon us!

May the work of our hands be firm and sound!

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 **Gracious God, strengthen our hands that we may serve. (*repeats*)**

1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8

Reader: Peter Lee

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

 Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah!
 Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah!
 Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah!
 Hal – le – lu – jah! ‘ Hal – le – lu – jah!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-46

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 the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
 ‘Sit at my right hand,
 until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

 Hal – le, hal – le, hal – le ‘ lu – jah! (*Repeats*)

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: Chiagozie Azuh

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. We thank our leaders in this congregation who strive to keep us accountable to the mission God has given 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.**

We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures, especially

within the indigenous peoples' in Canada. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain, praying especially for those we know who are coping with urgent medical issues: Heather, Emmanuel, Brenda M., Robbie, James, Naume, Peter J, Victoria, Elizabeth, Bevs, and Bridget; and those with ongoing medical issues: Danny, Carley, Geoff, Carolyn, Teslyn, Patrick, Daniel, Dave, Myrna, Diana, Patricia J., Jackson, Patricia S., Debbie J., Sue, Tommy, Lilian, Karen, and Mark.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 Castlevue Wychwood Towers. We also pray for the congregation we serve with our monthly Eucharist at the Village of Humber Heights; and for the congregation at Centennial Park Place, and for Peter Lee who leads them in prayer at their services. 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.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbour. And we hold in prayer the members of the families of those killed and injured in the fire in Wainwright, Alberta. May those who died as a result of the fire find their rest in God's peace. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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 his 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 504 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Refrain

Je – su, — Je – su, —
fills us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

2. Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.

Refrain

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

4. **Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.**

Refrain

5. **Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you.**

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbours,
today and always. **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

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: Bawo-Bawo-Oteri/ Communion Assistant: Oma Bawo-Oteri

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

1. **Not for tongues of heaven's angels,
nor 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

Hymn 553 *Ubi Caritas et Amor*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you

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 (*Repeats*)

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 (*Repeats*)

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.

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **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

- 🍂 Oktoberfest at St. Philip's! 🍂 - TODAY
Join us for a fun afternoon of delicious food, fellowship, and Oktoberfest celebrations! Sunday, October 25 @ 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.
Tickets: Adults – \$20, Teens – \$10
Come hungry and enjoy a wonderful afternoon together with our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there!
- Jazz Vespers – TODAY - Sunday, October 25 at 4pm - Featuring - Pat LaBarbara, Sax / Reg Schwager, Guitar / Roberto Occhipinti - Bass.
Admission by donation. All are welcome.
- Recital - NOVEMBER 8 at 4pm. Classical guitar duo – James Baker and Carmine Coccimiglio. Admission by donation. All are welcome.
- **This coming Saturday - October 31st** 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 IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE DIALOGUE! Please register at staffstphilip@gmail.com or 416-247-5181.**
If you forget to register, or if you can only come for an hour, come anyway.

- There will be an All Souls Eucharist on Monday, November 2nd at 7:30pm. Please add the names of those you would like to have remembered to the list at the back of the Church - or send an email to staffstphilip@gmail.com.
- 🎄 A Charlie Brown Christmas Concert – December 6!
Join us on Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 PM for a festive Christmas concert! Tickets Out Now: Adults \$30 | Students \$20 | Family \$60 (2 adults and up to 3 children) | Children under 12 FREE.
Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies will be served following the concert! Mark your calendars and spread the word!

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.**

Closing Hymn **486** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us they humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love though art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,

changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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