



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

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*Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”*

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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### PRELUDE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip’s Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

A gift of a new day,  
**Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.**

A new day with surprising miracles;  
**With love to be given,**

Kindness to be shared  
**And peace to be enjoyed.**

A gift of a new day,  
**God's gift to us.**

Let us receive it with joy  
**and live it in expectation. Amen.**

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## GATHERING SONG

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673 verses 1&4

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE BIBLE BUNCH

“Jesus Heals the Blind Man”

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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## FIRST READING

### ***Jeremiah 31: 7 – 9***

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

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for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***Mark 10: 46 – 52***

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

ELW 665 verses 1&3

### **CREED**

**P:** Together we affirm our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

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he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## SHARING OF PEACE

### 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG

"Breathe on me Breath of God"

(TRENTHAM Robert Jackson, arranged by Joel Raney)

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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### BLESSING

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, + one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ACS 988 verses 1&4

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Be a blessing in the world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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## SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Glen Erlandson	Reader
Tina Werner	Prayers
Judy and Sam Marcuson	Cantors
Joyful Noise Bell Choir	Additional Music
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, Elga Smidt.

### PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Our ministries need your support. Place your offering on the plate when you enter or leave today. Or find details for other options at [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).

### COMMUNION

Keep 6 feet apart with your mask on. Receive the bread and then help yourself to an individual cup of wine. Remove your mask and have the wine and bread. Put the empty cup in the containers provided. Replace your mask.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on **November 7th**.

If you'd like to have a candle lit in memory of someone, please contact the church office by phone 416.622.5577 or email [stphilip@bellnet.ca](mailto:stphilip@bellnet.ca).

There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you.





## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday      Zumba Gold @ 1:00 pm  
                  Bell Choir @ 7:15 pm  
                  Bible Study @ 7 pm

### OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,  
neighbour and self.*

#### VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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