



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

"I Want to Walk with Jesus"

arr. Joel Raney

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 Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you,

and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW 335

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my

chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

¹When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great | things for them.”

³The Lord has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

**⁴Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

**⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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John 12: 1 - 8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary’s extravagant act of anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to

steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

vs. 1-3 ELW 583

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Merciful God,

Response: **receive our prayer.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYER

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts

and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.

Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

JOYFUL NOISE BELL CHOIR

“Meditation in A Minor”

arr. M. Tucker

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lamb of God”

ACS Setting 11

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, † bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“As the Winter Days Grow Longer”

ACS 924

(please see insert)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Pat Lovell	Reader
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers
St. Philip's Choir	Music
Joyful Noise Handbell Choir	Additional Music
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Luke Fergin, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Ursula Stavnitsky, Emeris, and Lynette.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

- Wednesday Soup Suppers @ 6:00 pm w/ Evening Prayer @ 7:00 pm.
- Join in the Coffee Hour Sunday mornings after worship.
- Volunteer to set up or clean up for coffee hour – see sign-up sheet.

OFFERING

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle. Other options can be found on our website: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday 1:00 pm Zumba Gold
7:15 pm Joyful Noise Bell Choir

Tuesday

Wednesday 10:00 am Cover Girls
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Vocal Choir

Thursday 4:00 pm Lenten Meditation on Zoom

Friday

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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