



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*May 8, 2022*

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*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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

### WELCOME

### GATHERING SONG

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

*vs. 1, 4, 5 ELW 364*

### GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

### SONG

“Salvation Belongs to our God”

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your

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will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **BIBLE BUNCH SONG**

“Good, Good Shepherd”

## **WORD**

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

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### **FIRST READING**

***Revelation 7: 9 - 17***

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM SONG**

“Shepherd Me, O God”

ELW 780

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*John 10: 22 - 30*

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Come, Share the Spirit”

ACS 1045

**CREED**

**P:** Let us affirm our faith.

**C:** **We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.**

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**We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church.**

**We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition ends: God, in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

**MEAL**

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

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**SHARING OF PEACE**

**PRAYER**

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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.

And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
we praise your name and join their unending song:

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### 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.**

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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

### COMMUNION HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have  
tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.

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Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

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### BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW 611

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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**ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
No Fixed Address House Band	Additional Music
Emily Walker	Reader
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual



## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	1:00 pm Zumba 7:15 pm Joyful Noise Handbell Choir
Tuesday	7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom
Wednesday	10:00 am Cover Girls 7:30 pm Vocal Choir
Thursday	
Friday	7:00 pm Lakeshore African Violet Society

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

#### OFFERING

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

#### 2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please pick up your copy today in the narthex! Please contact the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you.



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 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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