



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

“Alleluia! Amen!”

arr. by Karen Lakey Buckwater

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

“A New Commandment”

WOV 664

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.**

KYRIE

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive

by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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.**

BIBLE BUNCH

“What is a Christian?”

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the Lord, | all you angels;**

sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

³Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;

sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**⁴Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
who commanded, and they | were created,

**⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

**⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

**¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

**¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and
heaven.

**¹⁴The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all |
faithful servants,**

**the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. |
Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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John 13: 31 - 35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW 359

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.**

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.

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:

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.

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

"All Who Are Thirsty"

ACS 981

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. 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.

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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ELW 836

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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SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Joyful Noise Bell Choir	Additional Music
Glen Erlandson	Reader
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

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	12:30 pm 50+ BBQ



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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/

ICE CREAM BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please join us immediately following worship to enjoy an ice cream party celebrating Pastor Tuula's birthday!!

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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