



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Making Their Way"

ACS 979

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8, 16 - 18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

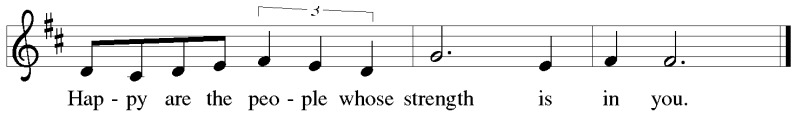
⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84: 1 - 7



¹How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | Lord of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where
she may | lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king | and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell | in your house!**

They will always be | praising you. R

⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,

whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of
springs,**

for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

⁷They will climb from | height to height,

and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion. **R**

SECOND READING

Joel 2: 23 - 32

The prophet interprets a plague of locusts as a sign of God's judgment. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a day when prosperity will return, when God's spirit will be poured out on the people, and when everyone who calls on God's name will be saved.

²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁸Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. ³⁰I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Word of God, Word of Life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Luke 18: 9 - 14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even

look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Founded on Faith"

ACS 1048

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **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 never ending 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.

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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

COMMUNION SONG

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

ELW 599

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.. Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

ELW 208

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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
Mark & Jack Luciani	Prayers
Marleah Roche, Liam Stewart, Grace Costello	Readers
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Cantor
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	1:00 pm Zumba; 7:15 pm Bell Choir
Tuesday	6:30 pm Guides; 7:00 pm Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am Cover Girls; 7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	
Friday	



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Anna Feller, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Alex Kretchman, John Lindman, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, John Stewart, Ethan Suknundun, Debra, Helen, Lynette, and Marian.

OFFERING

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Please meet in the Youth Room @ **11:30 am** today.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in having a candle lit in memory of a loved one when we celebrate All Saints Sunday on **November 6**. Alternatively, contact the church office via phone or email.

OUR VISION

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

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