



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, You are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

C: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in You. You are the fountain of resurrection.

L: Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

C: At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all Creation. Illuminate our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within and around us.

L: Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

ELW 327

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65: 17 - 25

Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.

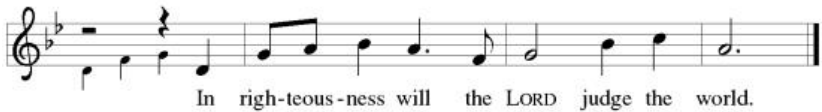
¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a

lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98



¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O Lord, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the
nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of
Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the Lord | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,

the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes
to | judge the earth.**

⁹The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Luke 21: 5 - 19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

SERMON

Janelle Lightbourne

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Share the Spirit”

ACS 1045

CREED

Together we affirm our faith.

I believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within me. I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By his life, his death and his resurrection from the grave, I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of abundant life. I believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always, calling me to faith, giving me gifts, and empowering me for service. I believe the church is the community of faith called to experience the fullness of life through God’s Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Kyrie”

music by Antonin Dvorák, arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

THANKSGIVING

In everything give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

L: Let us give thanks. Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life: creating a wondrous universe, proclaiming freedom from captivity, becoming the song of your people. We praise you, O God, for your Word.

C: We praise you, Of God, for your Word.

L: Your Word is made flesh among us; with Mary in the garden, you call us by name. With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe. With sheep of other folds, we are gathered by your voice. Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit, fruit that will last. We bless you, O God, for your Word.

C: We bless you, O God, for your Word.

L: By your living Word, we are witnesses of your goodness. Breathe into us your Holy Spirit. Open our bodies to experience the scriptures. Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action. With every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, all that is in them, we join in the hymn of all creation, as we thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.

C: We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.

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.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

May the God of love keep you in God's grace through Jesus Christ, our saviour and eternal life. May God comfort you in the Holy Spirit that you will be God's witness and light in this world. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Janelle Lightbourne	Preacher
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers
Pat Lovell	Reader
St. Philip's Choir	Music
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday: Zumba @ 1pm/Bells @ 7:15pm; **Tuesday:** Guides @ 6:30pm/Bible Study @ 7pm; **Wednesday:** Cover Girls @ 10am/Choir @ 7pm; **Thursday:** Council @ 7pm; **Saturday:** Baby shower @ 2pm.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, John Lindman, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Ethan Suknundun, Helen, Lois, 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/

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Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex for the next event: Christmas Luncheon for \$25/person. Concert by New Horizons Band. **December 15 @ 12:30 pm** with concert @ **2 pm**. Or call the church office to reserve a spot.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES



St. Philip's supports the use of these devices. Please enquire at the audiovisual table.

OUR VISION

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

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