



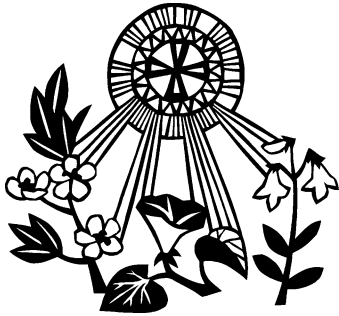
# St. Philip's Lutheran Church



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

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 17, 2020*



*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## GATHERING

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

Welcome

Prayer

Prelude

*My Faith Looks up to Thee*

*(arr. Cindy Barry)*

## WORD

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

Children's Message

*The Creation Story*

Gospel

*John 14:15-21*

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

## Sermon

*A message from Bishop Susan Johnson, ELCIC  
(a [transcript is available](#) if you would like to read the sermon)*

## Hymn of the Day

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1 and 4)*

*ELW 631*

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## THANKSGIVING

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Prayers

Peace

*Share the peace with someone. Text or call.*

Offering

*Please give generously. Find all the details for options to give offering at [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/)*

Lord's Prayer

## SENDING

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

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

*Canticle of Turning*





## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Reminders and Announcements

#### *Our thanks...*

We would like to thank the following participants in this virtual worship:

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek, Pastor  
 Chris Ritcey-Conrad, Interim Music Director  
 Ms. Dianne (a.k.a. Dianne Morningstar)  
 Dawn Pascoe  
 Melissa Noble  
 Marleah Roche  
 Members of the Vocal Choir  
 Lauren Voorpostel  
 Bishop Susan Johnson, ELCIC  
 ...and especially to Dave Pascoe, the one who brings it all together!

#### *In our Prayers...*

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, Elga Smidt, Paul McCutcheon, and the McCutcheon family.

#### *Pass the Offering Plate Please*

Thanks to those are giving offering regularly. Please continue to support St. Philip's with your donations. Details for how to give are on [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).

#### *Hymn Requests*

Is there a hymn you would like to hear? Let [Chris](#) know. We will try to include requested hymns in future services. And it would be a bonus to hear why you requested this piece. Can you record a clip making the request and telling us why?

#### *Virtual Worship is Reaching Many!*

Welcome to our virtual congregation! Our congregation is in different cities, provinces and even countries! While we cannot count attendance like we do in the building, we know that our service is reaching many, and that for many of the views, there is more than one person watching. We welcome all to worship with us.

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Estimate for Video Watched</i>	<i>Website Audience</i>
April 26	92	138
May 3	80	124
May 10	94	145

#### 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.