

Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY

*“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.” 1 Corinthians 5.7-8*

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

*Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is
the St. Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist*

PRELUDE: *Allego, Sonata in D by Guiseppi Torelli*
feat. Brian Roberts on trumpet

WELCOME

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God; from Pres & Lorna Harrison in memory of their respective parents, siblings and loved ones; Easton & Maud Harrison - Pres' parents, his sister Beverley, brothers James & John. Claudius & Daisy Williams – Lorna's parents, and her brother Raymond. Also, our son-in-law, David Tack & brother-in-law Trevor Davis. And from Hortense Anglin in memory of her beloved husband Earle, and her parents Oswald and Muriel Hall.

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

The Rev. Lorraine Runza

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: Who gave me new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Leader: Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

All: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Glory to the Creator, and to the Redeemer, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Let the voice of God's praise resound; who gives life to our souls!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* CP 203

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(We've included crosses at traditional places in the service where the congregation may want to cross themselves as an act of worship.)

Celebrant: The †grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA

SNC 177 Cantor: Brian Cheung

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All: **Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! x4

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Rev. Stephen Kern

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Carol Dykman

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (10:34-43)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Cantor: Brian Cheung

Refrain: This is the day our God made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL:

In ancient tradition, we are invited to make the sign of the cross upon our forehead, lips and heart, that the Good News of Jesus may be in our thinking, our speaking and in our centre.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: "Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast."

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeler: The †Holy Gospel of our † Lord Jesus Christ † according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPELER:

The Rev. Ajith Varghese

✠ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the

gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord": and she told them that he had said these things to her. (20.1-18)

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

SERMON:

The Rev. Stephen Kern

As you are able, please stand.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in God:

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anne Kern

Sung Response: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you with joy in your victory, yet in sorrow for our sins. We confess to you our failures and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

Celebrant: We have lived by the light of our own eyes, weak in faith and often unbelieving. In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

Celebrant: We have lived for this world alone and doubted our true place in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

Celebrant: Almighty God have † mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you

from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you with all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As you are able, please stand.

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All: **and also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *The Day of Resurrection* CP 205

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Creator God, accept all we offer you this day as you accepted us as your children and bring us into covenant love. May we who receive these holy things be found reconciling with each other and come to maturity in you through our brother Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please take a posture of prayer, sitting, standing or kneeling.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All: **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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

AGNUS DEI:

All: Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome at the table of Our Lord for Communion or a blessing. As the sides-people direct, move forward to receive Holy Communion around the platform. Do signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer we can serve Communion in your pew. Please use the sanitizer after receiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

Celebrant: Church, we have friends worshipping online or others who may not be able to receive Communion today. Let us pray together in solidarity to receive Christ anew in spiritual communion.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness. In your name I pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* CP 404
Christ is Risen CP 223

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Reconciling and loving Creator, you bring new life to all who accept your call. May we who receive these holy things respond to your call by loving one another and growing in faith. This we ask on the name of our brother, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to

generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

Celebrant:

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Yours Be the Glory

CP 210

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader:

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work in you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

Chorale Prelude on Vulpius feat. Brian Roberts

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Kern; **Deacon:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Liturgical Assistant:** The Rev. Ajith Varghese; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Brian Cheung; **Trumpeter:** Brian Roberts; **Reader:** Carol Dykman; **Bread:** The Rev. Stephen Kern, The Rev. Ajith Varghese; **Chalice:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza, Amber Dykman, Carol Dykman; **Prayers:** Anne Kern; **Tech Team:** Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters:** Anne Kern, Katherine Corbett; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese; **Coffee Team:** Tracy Nwonyimi, Janet Gillespie, Maggie Cheung; **Warden on Duty:** Andrew Estabrooks; **Chancel Guild:** Judith Prentice, Judith Brunton, Christine Herbert, Connalyn Willoughby; **Counters:** Ivor Pavamani, Agatha McPhee



TODAY

Easter Sunday

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing “alleluia” with my voice, let my life embody “alleluia” as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, the days of sadness are over, for you have risen from the dead. As you conquered the grave, free your servant from fear of harm or death, that I may rest in peace this night and in the morning rise to sing “alleluia.” Amen.

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THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP’S

- April 6** Easter Monday – the office will be closed
- April 7** 4:30 pm Youth Groups & Drama Groups
- April 8** 7:00pm Zoom Bible/Book Study
- April 9** 6:45 am Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study
- April 11** 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
- April 12** 2nd Sunday of Easter - Celebrating & Preaching - The Rev. Stephen Kern

AND BEYOND...

- April 17** Deadline for the Bishop’s FaithWorks Matching Grant Appeal for Jamaica Restoration
- April 25** 9:30 am York-Central Deanery Lay Liturgical Refresher Course at Holy Trinity, Thornhill
- May 16** Sip into Spring – Social Tea Event
- June 6** The 2026 Walkathon for FaithWorks



"Bishop's Appeal for Jamaican Relief and Reconstruction"

From now until April 17th, the Diocese of Toronto FaithWorks Allocation Committee has a dollar-for-dollar matching challenge (up to \$50k) where every FaithWorks gift for Jamaican Hurricane Relief will be doubled.

Donations made by April 17 will be doubled!

To donate today go to faithworks.ca

York Central Deanery Lay Refresher Day, April 25, 2026, 9am - 12:30pm at Holy Trinity Church Thornhill:

The Heart of Worship seminar will focus on understanding the four-fold pattern of Christian worship and how this liturgical concept shapes the practice of worship and the place of worship arts in our churches. The second part will explore our understanding of community formation as we cultivate different worship practices. Attending as a church group is strongly encouraged.

Please register with your priest to attend this Lay Refresher Day. Closing date is April 19.



SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AND PLAN TO JOIN US AS
WE

SIP INTO SPRING!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS
THIS FABULOUS TEA
SOCIAL.

MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW SOON.



WALKATHON
Saturday,
June 6, 2026

As we join churches across the diocese in celebration of 30th Anniversary of FaithWorks please help us support the work they do.
More info to follow.



**IT'S ALL
ABOUT MOSES!**

**MUSICAL
THEATRE
CAMP**
July 6 to 10

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
Go to the website to get the registration form

<https://spoth.ca/children-and-youth-ministries/musical-theatre-camp/>

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