



Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

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

PRELUDE: *Medley You are Holy/Hamba Nathi, Dance with the Spirit*

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Come Down, O Love Divine* *CP 645*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***All:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: May his grace and peace be with you.

***All:* May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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: Eva Chan

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 PENTECOST

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All:* Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of
Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every
race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity
of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Acts 2:1-21

Jo Anne Carlisle

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

Cantor: Eva Chan

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth

As you are able, please stand.

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: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

GOSPELER:

The Rev. Lorraine Runza

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 20: 19-23.... Reflecting the diversity of languages upon the Earth, Rev. Lorraine has been asked to read the Gospel in one of her languages, Italian.

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Ajith Varghese

As you are able, please stand.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

PRAYER SONG: *Holy Spirit, Come into our Lives* More Voices 6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Gail Dickie*

Petition: O Great God of All that exists

Response: **Your faithfulness endures forever**

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!

All: The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer

you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share In these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All are invited to say the prayer in the language of your choice....

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, just let the sides people know.

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: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Ajith Varghese; **Deacon:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Eva Chan; **Reader:** Jo Anne Carlisle; **Bread:** The Rev. Ajith Varghese, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice:** Ben & Maggie Cheung; **Prayers:** Gail Dickie; **Sunday School:** Tracy Nwonyimi; **Tech Team:** Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters:** Bob & Nancy Clarke; **Warden on Duty:** Connalyn Willoughby; **Chancel Guild:** Janet Sunderani, Dorothy Boland, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke; **Counters:** Bill Carnaghan, Joanne Millett

TODAY

Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Spirit of God, source of life, refresh my spirit, reshape my desire, and recreate my heart, that I may show forth your enduring glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Spirit of God you sustained me during the work of day; sustain me as I rest this night. Let my evening meditations be pleasing to you, that I may rise in the morning to rejoice in your goodness. Awake or asleep, I will sing your praise while I have being; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

May 21-28	Rev. Stephen Kern Away
May 26	4:30 pm Youth Groups & Drama Groups
May 27	7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study
May 28	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
May 30	9:30 am Men's Bible Study at the Kern's Farm 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
May 31	10:00 am Trinity Sunday ~ The Rev. Stephen Kern, Celebrating & The Rev. Lorraine Runza, Preaching

...AND BEYOND

- June 6** The 2026 Walkathon for FaithWorks – get your pledge forms and start collecting.
- July 6** Musical Theatre Camp ~ All About Moses
- July 10** End of Camp Dramatic Presentation



**2026 Walkathon support Phillip Aziz
Centre for Hospice Care and
Emily’s House in Toronto: Saturday,
June 6**

Please join us for our annual Outreach Walk-a-Thon on June 6th – starting 10:30am at St. Philip’s on-the-hill Church, rain or shine!

Over the years we have supported a number of excellent initiatives. This year, **proceeds will support Phillip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care and Emily’s House** in Toronto, which provide compassionate care to individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses. (paceh.ca)

To sign up as a walker, pick up a pledge sheet at church on Sunday, and start collecting pledges!

To support a walker, please donate generously – either sponsoring an enthusiastic walker, or

- Cash or cheque
- E-transfer: e-transfer@spoth.ca
- Online: <https://spoth.ca/give-online>

(make a note that your support is for the Walk-a-Thon, please!)



Thank you!

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