

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

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE FEAST OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

~ BAPTISM ~

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

John 14.6



10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is the St. Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist. We've included crosses at traditional places in the service where the congregation may want to cross themselves as an act of worship.

PRELUDE *Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came, by J.S. Bach*

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* CP 300

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.**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,

***All:* there is one hope in God's call to us;**

Leader: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

***All:* One God and Father of all.**

DEDICATION OF SANCTUARY BANNER

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 THE FEAST OF ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Stephen Kern

SOLO *A Mother's Prayer by Celine Dion*

Hashani Welikala

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Janet Gillespie

1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119: 9-12, 15-16

Cantor: Eva Chan

Refrain: Instruct me in your statutes, O God.

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: "I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

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 John.

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

GOSPELER:

The Rev. Lorraine Runza

John 14: 1-14

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON:

The Rev. Stephen Kern

THE BAPTISM OF CELINE MARIE WELIKALA SIVARAJAH

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THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT *BAS* pg. 160

Please stand.

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All: **and also with you.**

You are invited to greet your neighbour saying:

“Peace” or “Peace be with you.”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *This Child of Ours, This Miracle* CP 38

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Thank you, Father, for making us and our wonderful world. Wherever we are in your world, we should always thank you, through Jesus, your Son. Jesus lived as one of us; Jesus died on the Cross for us; Jesus is alive because you gave him life again; Jesus is with us now. So, with the angels and everyone in heaven, we sing together:

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: And so, we remember how God's compassion was expressed through Jesus:

As he shared his last meal with his friends before his death, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it among them with these words: This is my body, broken for you. Eat and remember me.

After the meal, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and shared it among them with these words: This is my blood, poured out for you. Drink and remember me.

And so we eat and drink and remember; and we will keep doing this until Jesus returns in glory. Therefore we remember that Jesus is always with us,

Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, on us and on these gifts. Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus and live our lives for him. All honour and glory belong to you, Father, through Jesus, your Son, with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and 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.

Leader: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go forth to serve the world God loves! Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Amen! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Jesu, My Joy, by J.S. Bach*

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Ajith Varghese; **Preacher:** The Rev. Stephen Kern; **Deacon:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Eva Chan; **Reader:** Janet Gillespie; **Bread:** The Rev. Ajith Varghese, The Rev. Stephen Kern; **Chalice:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza, Pres Harrison; **Prayers:** Shannon Haverstock; **Video/Sound:** Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters:** Ben & Maggie Cheung; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese; **Chancel Guild:** Carol Dykeman, Joyce Nicholls, Amber Dykeman, Lee Wagman, Jenny Brunt; **Counters:** Gerry Heath, Ian Cowling

TODAY

5th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you, and you are in God. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God, my rock and my fortress, into your hands I commit my spirit. As darkness falls, let your face shine upon your servant, and keep me in your steadfast love. Amen.

(from Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol.2)

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

May 5 4:30 pm Youth Groups & Drama Groups

May 7 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study

May 9 9:30 am Garden Clean Up
5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

May 10 Happy Mother's Day!
6th of Sunday of Easter & Pulpit Exchange with Pastor Roy Thakurdial Celebrating & Preaching

...AND BEYOND

- May 16** Sip into Spring – Social Tea Event – SIGN UP TODAY!!
- May 17** Special Vestry – immediately after morning service
- June 6** The 2026 Walkathon for FaithWorks – get your pledge forms and start collecting today!
- July 6-10** Musical Theatre Camp ~ All About Moses
- July 10** 7:00 pm End of Camp Dramatic Presentation



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
JOIN US TO HELP TIDY THE GARDENS ON SATURDAY, MAY 9 FROM 9:30 TO 11:30 AM
...includes coffee break with muffins!
(Rain date May 30)

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY



You are invited to **SIP INTO SPRING!**
on **SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026**
from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**
Dress to Dazzle!
A freewill offering will be collected to support the work of your Chancel Guild.
Sign up today in the Narthex

From your SPOTH Warden Team:

There will be a special Vestry meeting on Sunday May 17th to present the candidates for our Pastoral Search Committee. This brief meeting will take place in the hall directly after the morning service. - Claudette, Andrew, Suku, Connalyn

The graphic features four hands of different skin tones (two light, two dark) holding red hearts. Above the hands are stylized starburst shapes in pink and green. The word 'WALKATHON' is written in large, blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters, arched over the hands. Below it, the phrase 'STEPS FOR HOPE AND HEALING' is written in smaller, blue, sans-serif capital letters. The background is white with faint, light blue floral patterns. There are also small red flower icons on the left and right sides of the text area.

WALKATHON
STEPS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

Join us for a meaningful walk in support of compassionate care in our community. This year, all proceeds will support Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care and Emily's House — organizations that provide compassionate care to individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses.

 **Date:** Saturday, June 6
 **Time:** 10:30 AM
 **Location:** St. Philip's On-The-Hill Anglican Church
9400 Kennedy Rd., Markham, ON L6C 1N6

Ways to Donate:

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

 A light lunch will be served after the walk at the church.

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