



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

**THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEASON OF CREATION &
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another
as I have loved you." John 13.34*

*10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST: Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is the St.
Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist*

PRELUDE *Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *How Firm a Foundation v.1 - 5* *CP 527*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

Leader: 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

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world, have mercy on us: You are seated
at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you
alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord. You alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the
glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen, Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy, the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast and the sea. We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops, and for the living water that quenches them.; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Adapted from Anglican Aotearoa NZ Prayer Book)

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME – BLESSING OF BACKPACKS *The Rev. Martha Gordon*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Exodus 14: 19-31

Hortense Anglin

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Cantor: Eva Chan

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia.

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: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

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

Matthew 18: 21-35

The Rev. Ajith Varghese

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Martha Gordon

As you are able, please stand.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

PRAYER SONG: *Ubi Caritas et Amor/Live in Charity v. 1* CP 553

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gail Dickie

Petition: The Lord is righteous—He delights in righteous deeds.

Response: **Lord be with us.**

As you are able, 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: *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round v. 1-3* CP 497

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water — the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet’s waters, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us. Accept the first fruits we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(All Creation Sings, Augsburg Fortress, 2026)

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices 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: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is 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: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

AGNUS DEI

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: 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.

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: 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: *Spirit of the Living God v.1-2* CP 647
Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers v. 1-6 CP 646

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you are able, please stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May the God who sprung water from a rock, quenching the thirst of those who wandered in fear, spare us from the drought of a senseless life. May the God who flows from the wells of salvation, and who is Living Water to the foreigner, the stranger, and the unknown, keep us in peace. May the God who rolls on like a river, changing the course of the world with streams of righteousness that guide the Church's vessel in this world, empower us to work for transformation. And may the blessing of our merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life. **Amen.**

(Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil)

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Let All Things Now Living* CP 403

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Ajith Varghese **Gospeler & Preacher:** The Rev. Martha Gordon; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Eva Chan; **Reader:** Hortense Anglin; **Bread:** The Rev. Ajith Varghese, The Rev. Martha Gordon; **Chalice:** Pres Harrison, Amber Dykeman; **Prayers:** Gail Dickie; **Video/Sound:** Dapo Oladeji; **Greeters:** Jo Anne Carlisle, Sammy Chan; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese; **Warden on Duty:** Suku Navaratnam; **Chancel Guild:** Judy Prentice, Judith Brunton, Connalyn Willoughby, Christine Herbert; **Counters:** Joanne Millett, Joe Zhou

TODAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious and loving God, thank you for this day. Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day. Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place, and guide the work I have to do for today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, thank you for keeping me in the safety of your arms and for new mercies and the glory you showed through the day. Keep my family and me through the night. I thank and praise you! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

- Sep 15** 4:30 pm Start of Fall Youth Drama program
- Sep 16** 7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study – details TBD
- Sep 17** 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study
- Sep 20** 10:00 am 17th after Pentecost – Feast of the Creator

And beyond...

- Sep 27** 10:00 am 18th after Pentecost – Truth & Reconciliation Sunday
- Sep 30** Orange Shirt Day
- Oct 4** Feast of St. Francis – Blessing of Animals (*bring your well mannered pets for a blessing*)
- Oct 4** St. Philip's Cemetery Service, after 10am service
- Oct 24** Get ready to kick up your heels at the SPOTH Hoedown!

Registration for SPOTH 2026-27 Fall Drama Program Please join us beginning on Tuesday, September 15th, for the new year which will conclude on Tuesday, December 1. There are 2 Youth Sundays scheduled; October 25 and December 6 and we can't wait to see what they do!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – SEPTEMBER 30

Where can I buy an orange shirt?

The Native Arts Society
<https://nativeartssociety.bigcartel.com/product/every-child-matters-shirt>

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
<https://thecedarbasket.ca/collections/orange-shirts>

Resist Clothing
<https://resistclothing.ca/collections/orange-shirt-day>

Indigenous Marketing Solutions
<https://shop.indigenoumarketing.ca/collections/orange-collection>



THANKSGIVING DONATION

The Chancel Guild is once again asking for your generosity to help the staff of Yellow Brick House prepare Thanksgiving dinner for their residents.

Donations can be made by E-transfer or by clicking “GIVE” on SPOTH website – make sure you include “Yellow Brick House” in the notes. If you prefer, cash or cheque donations can be made in the offertory

plate, by mail or hand delivered to the office no later than **Sunday, October 4, 2026***, so that they will receive our donation in time for Thanksgiving. Kindly mark ‘YELLOW BRICK HOUSE’ on the envelope. They will also accept gift cards to Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart or Longo’s. Your generosity will be blessing to all.

~ Carol Dykeman, on behalf of the Chancel Guild

**Note: Donations received after October 4 will be directed to FaithWorks.*



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