



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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2026

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEASON OF CREATION

~ FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI WITH

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ~

"I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 15.16

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

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

PRELUDE: *Variations on "Come, Creator of Light" by Jehan Alain*

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* v. 1-4 CP 416

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 OPENING THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: We thank you, God, for the gift of life: for the beauty and wonder of creation, and for our own life which comes from you.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: We thank you for the richness of animal life: for fish and birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: We thank you for the animals who give us faithful companionship, joy when we are happy and comfort when we are sad.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: We thank you for calling us to care for these animals. May we learn love and respect for all living things.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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 FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Gracious and loving Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with absolute joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us our pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Martha Gordon

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

"N, may you be blessed in the Name of the God who loves you and created you. May you and those you love enjoy life together this day and forevermore."

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF JOB

Judith Prentice

Job 12: 7-10a

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148: 7-14

Joe Zhou

Cantor: Hallelujah, 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: "I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,

that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”

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. Lorraine Runza

Matthew 6:25-26

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON:

The Rev. Martha Gordon

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.

Please be seated.

PRAYER SONG

Make me a Channel of Your Peace v. 1-3 VU 684

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Shannon Haverstock

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins as we say,

All: Creator, out of your abundant love all things live and move and have their being. We confess that we have turned away from you and from your image in our neighbours. We have neglected the creatures that surround us, the water that renews us, and the earth that nourishes us. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we might hear the song of your creation once again and see your love in all living things. Amen.

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ 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: *O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth v. 1-3*

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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: 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 CREATOR 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 of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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.*

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 HYMNS: *Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord v. 1-4, 8 CP 421*
The Lion and Bear v. 1-3 TLUS 126

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

BLESSING

Celebrant: God the Creator, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: God the Redeemer, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: God the Sanctifier, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

All: Amen.
Celebrant: And the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be among you and remain with you always.
All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *All Creatures of Our God and King* v. 1-7 CP 355

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Prince of Denmark's March* by Jeremiah Clarke

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Martha Gordon; **Deacon & Gospeller:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Joe Zhou; **Reader:** Judith Prentice; **Bread:** The Rev. Martha Gordon, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice:** Carol Dykeman, Amber Dykeman; **Prayers:** Shannon Haverstock; **Video/Sound:** Dapo Oladeji; **Greeters:** Jenny Brunt, Jo Anne Carlisle; **Sunday School:** Tracy Nwonyimi; **Warden on Duty:** Andrew Estabrooks; **Chancel Guild:** Janet Sunderani, Dorothy Boland, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke; **Counters:** Doris Chiu, John Pownall

TODAY

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

God of hosts, at the dawning of this day, let your face shine upon me. Restore me, and be my salvation; through Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Christ Jesus my Lord, as you have lived with me this day, let me rest with you this night; and when this life has ended, let me live with you forever. Amen.

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THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED OCT 7, 8 & 9

Oct 6 4:30 pm Fall Youth Drama program

Oct 8 6:45 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

- Oct 10** 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Oct 11 10:00 am 20th after Pentecost – Harvest Thanksgiving with The Rev. Ajith Varghese Celebrating and preaching.

And beyond...

- Oct 14** 7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study
Oct 18 10:00 am 21st after Pentecost with Rev. Martha Gordon Celebrating and Rev. Lorraine Runza Preaching
Oct 24 **SAVE THE DATE** and get ready to kick up your heels at the SPOTH Hoedown!
Oct 25 10:00 am 22nd after Pentecost & Youth Sunday – Rev. Martha Gordon Celebrating and preaching
Nov 21 **SAVE THE DATE** – St. Philip's Annual Christmas Gala with a twist this year....it's a LUNCHEON! We're back at the Royal Stouffville Golf Club on Saturday starting at 12:00 pm. Tickets on sale soon.

LAST DAY FOR THE 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



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