

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

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

"I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit."
John 15.5

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

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

PRELUDE *Nimrod, the Hunter by Edward Elgar*

WELCOME

The Flowers today are given to the honour and glory of God and in memory of Ruth Nichols given by her family.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Longing for Light v.1-5* *SNC 2*

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 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME *Candace Boodoo*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS *Janet Gillespie*

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

PSALM 123 *Brian Cheung*

Cantor: Our eyes rest on you, God, anointing your kindness.

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 vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit."

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.**

Matthew 25:14-30 *Hortense Anglin*

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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: *Wait for the Lord, Whose Day is Near CP 94*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Wendy Tung*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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: Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending v.1-3 CP 601*

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of 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: 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: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.**

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Nothing to Fear – duet by Kevin Parks & Joe Zhou*
Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v.1-5 CP 179

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal

priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The Peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *The Trees of the Field v.1* *CP 662*

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Gavotte by William Boyce*

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Martha Gordon; **Liturgical Assistant:** Hortense Anglin; **Organist**: Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Brian Cheung; **Bread**: The Rev. Martha Gordon, Hortense Anglin; **Chalice**: Ben & Maggie Cheung; **Readers:** Janet Gillespie; **Prayers**: Wendy Tung; **Sunday School:** Candace Boodoo; **Tech Team**: Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters**: Mabel Ifejika, Ivor Pavamani; **Coffee Hosts:** Ben & Maggie Cheung; **Warden on Duty:** Claudette Rawlins; **Chancel Guild**: Janet Sunderani, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke, Diane Brown; **Counters:** Gerry Heath, Ian Cowling

TODAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord. I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with me, and show me your way, for I would follow you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good evening, Lord. Thank you for bringing me through this day, its trials and its joys. You surprise me with wonder and overwhelm me with love. Keep me in your embrace tonight; inhabit my dreams. If you choose to grant me another day of life, awaken me as one who is eager to serve you well. Amen.

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THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

Nov 17 4:30 pm Youth/Drama programs

Nov 19 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study

Nov 21 12 noon SPOTH CHRISTMAS GALA at Royal Stouffville Golf Course
5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom **CANCELLED**

Nov 22 10:00 am Reign of Christ with Holy Baptism ~ Rev. Martha Gordon Celebrating and the Rev. Lorraine Runza Preaching.

And beyond…

Dec 6 10:00 am 2nd Sunday of Advent – Youth Sunday

Dec 13 10:00 am 3rd Sunday of Advent with Carol Singing following the service.

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Longing for Light #2 Sing a New Creation

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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