



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

A Joint Service:

**St. Philip's Lutheran, Toronto, Ont.
Grace Lutheran Church, First South, Nova Scotia
Zion Lutheran, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
St. Matthew's Lutheran, Rose Bay, Nova Scotia**

August 16, 2010

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

GATHERING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ²Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, Ron Klusmeier

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Cat, by Jan Hansen and Illustrated by Deborah Pryce

WORD

*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Pryce

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will Your Anchor Hold

This Far by Faith 255





Will Your Anchor Hold



1 Will your an - chor hold in the storms of life,
2 Will your an - chor hold in the straits of fear,
3 Will your an - chor hold in the floods of death,
4 Will your eyes be - hold through the morn - ing light



when the clouds un - fold their wings of strife;
when the break - ers roar and the reef is near;
when the wa - ters cold chill your fi - nal breath?
the city of gold, and the har - bor bright?



when the strong tides lift and the ca - bles strain,
while the surg - es rave, and the wild winds blow,
On the ris - ing tide you can nev - er fail
Will you an - chor safe by the heav'n - ly shore,



will your an - chor drift, or firm re - main?
shall the an - gry waves then your bark o'er - flow?
while your an - chor holds with - in the veil.
when life's storms are past for - ev - er - more?

Refrain



We have an an - chor that keeps the soul



stead-fast and sure while the bil - lows roll, fas - ten'd to the Rock which



can - not move, ground-ed firm and deep in the Sa - vior's love!

Text: Priscilla J. Owens, 1829–1907

Music: WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*God blesses us
and sends us in
mission to the
world.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Be Still My Soul, arranged by Cindy Berry





ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor, St. Philip's
The Rev Rick Pryce	Pastor (Grace, Zion and St. Matthew's, Nova Scotia)
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director, St. Philip's
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Annette Collins	Prelude
Pastor Rick Pryce	Sermon
Pastor Rick Pryce	Children's Story
Pastor Tuula	Reader
Joint Choir	Hymn of the Day
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers of the People
Jim Rouse	The Lord's Prayer
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Postlude

In our Prayers

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

Etobicoke Ecumenical Worship Service

St. Philip's contributed to an Ecumenical Worship Service. The worship service is available here: [Ecumenical Service](#).

Ways to be Involved:

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- *Tuesday Bible Study* via Zoom @ 7 pm
- *Participate in the Virtual Worship*: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the *Virtual Coffee Hour* @ 11am every Sunday.
- The *Good Food Market* is happening on Thursdays from 4 – 7 pm.

Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

Virtual Worship is Reaching Many!

Welcome to our virtual congregation! We welcome all to worship with us wherever you are: in a city or at the lake; in your living room, your kitchen, or on your deck or patio; in Canada, USA, Europe or Japan. The church is always open! This service is available all week. Previous worship services are also available.