



Morning Prayer July 20, 2025 at 10:00 am

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!
We hope you feel at home.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Opening Hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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The Gathering of the Community

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The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word *Please be seated*

The First Reading

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

(Colossians 1:15-28)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 52 *read responsively*

Gospel Proclamation *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Gradual: “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo”

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Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

(Luke 10:38-42)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo”

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Sermon: Claire Olorenshaw

Our Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Offertory Hymn: “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

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Thanksgiving for the offerings *remain standing*

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: God of glory, we offer you these gifts. Please bless all of our contributions to Christ’s ministry here at St. James. We ask this in His name. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn "The Love of Jesus Calls Us"

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Dismissal

Leader: May the God of Peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Don Davidson and the people of Christ Church, Bolton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: John Cochrane, David Finch, Monica Frank, Kay Gidney, Bob & Colleen Groen, Robin & Lee Harmer

Those in need: Kim, Paul, Anne, Sarah, Dana & Jeff, Sharon, Mario, Bernadette and Marion

Announcements

Joint Service at Caledon East United Church - join us as we worship together with our siblings in Christ **Sunday August 17th at 10:00 am**

Talent Night October 4th - Would you like to help organize and plan for our church Talent Night? Joanne Redhead and Mother Michele could really use some help. Please contact Grace for more information.

St. James/CEUC Event Committee - Would you like to help plan joint events and services with Caledon East United Church. Please contact Diane Allengame or Grace.

The Little Food Cupboard This month the following items are required for the families in our community: **juice boxes, school snacks, cake mixes, canned meats, tuna pasta and pasta sauce.** Thanking you in advance for your generosity.