



## **Morning Prayer**

### **August 31, 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: "Here is Love"**

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the flood gates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting,  
Love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only  
And my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,  
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me  
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring  
Thy great love and power on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless,  
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

## **The Gathering of the Community**

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## **The Gloria**

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## **The Collect of the Day**

Author and Giver of all good things,  
Graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
Increase in us true religion,  
Nourish us in all goodness,  
And of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.

## **The Proclamation of the Word** *Please be seated*

## **The First Reading**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

*(Jeremiah 2: 4-13)*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 81: 1, 10-16**

**Refrain:** ***Sing out with joy to God our strength,  
Sing out with joy to God our strength.***

Sing out with joy to God our strength,  
Shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song, sound the tambourine,  
The tuneful lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
At the full moon on our festival.  
For this is a statute of Israel,  
A law of the God of Jacob.

I hear a voice I have not known,  
I eased your shoulders from burdens.  
In times of trouble you called to me,  
And I answered you and I saved you.

## **The Second Reading**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*(Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16)*

## **Gospel Proclamation**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

### **Gradual: "Humble Thyself"**

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord;  
And He shall lift you up higher and higher,  
and He shall lift you up.

**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.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

*(Luke 14: 1, 7-14)*

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.  
**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Sermon:** Claire Olorenshaw

**Our Response to the Word**

**Prayers of the People**

Intercessor: God of grace,  
**All: hear our prayer.**

**The Peace** *The congregation stands* Green 192

**Offertory Hymn: "The Kingdom of God"** Blue 631

**Prayers over the Gifts**

Merciful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
give us grace to love one another  
that your love may be made perfect in us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Lord's Prayer** Green 211

## Announcements

**Closing Hymn: "Sister Let Me Be Your Servant"**

Blue 500

## Dismissal

Leader: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
serve the world God loves!

**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:** Claire Olorenshaw, Cosette Pathak, Neil & Cobina Price-Jones, Bill and Jennifer Pryhoda

**Those in need:** Dana & Jeff, Mario, Linda, Hazel, Shanon, Krystina, Betty and Mother Michelle

## Announcements:

***Talent Night - Saturday October 4th*** Come and join us for this exciting community event, and feel free to invite your friends, family and neighbours too! Contact Grace at the church office 905-584-9635 or email her at [stjamescaledoneast@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:stjamescaledoneast@toronto.anglican.ca) to purchase your tickets.

***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.



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