



Service of Holy Communion
Welcome Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward
September 14, 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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Blue 425

The Gathering of the Community Green 185

The Gloria Green 186

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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*

First Reading

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

(Numbers 21:4-9)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98: 1-6

**Refrain: *Sing to the Lord a new song
For God has done wonderful deeds
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Sing to the Lord a new song
For God has done wondrous deeds
Whose right hand has won the victory for us
God's holy arm.

All of the ends of earth have seen
salvation by our God
Joyfully sing out all you lands
Break forth in song

The Lord has made salvation known
and justice revealed to all
Remembering kindness and faithfulness
to Israel

Sing to the Lord with harp and song,
with trumpet and with horn
Sing in your joy before the King,
the King our Lord

Second Reading

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:18-24)

Gospel Proclamation

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gradual:

For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish
They shall have eternal life

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

(John 3:13-17)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual:

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That whosoever believes will not perish
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Sermon: The Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward

Our Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution Green 191

The Peace *The congregation stands* Green 192

Offertory Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Blue 486

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer # 2 Green 196

After the Sanctus, please stand, sit or kneel as is your preference as the celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Green 211

Breaking of the Bread #2 Green 212

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymns: "Eat this Bread"

Blue 63

"For God So Loved the World"

***For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish
They shall have eternal life***

I shall wait upon the Lord
I shall wait upon His Word
And by His grace I am released
By His grace I am redeemed

I shall hold to the cross
I shall hold to God alone
For His love has salvaged me
For His love has set me free

By His precious blood
I have been set free
For the glory of Jesus' Name
In Jesus I am saved

Prayer after Communion *(The congregation stands)*

God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Doxology

Green 214

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory"

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Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

~The Flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed by
Grace Giusti-Garcea in memory of her daughter Elia Garcea.~

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Julie Meakin (Regional Dean), and the people of Holy Family, Heart Lake

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Donna Roberts and Tom Whalen, Chelsea and Riley, Matthew and Linda Robinson, Taylor and Caleb

Those in need: Dana & Jeff, Mario, Linda, Hazel, Sharon, Krystyna, Betty, Mother Michelle, Robert, Brad & Jan, and Jessie

Announcements:

Welcome Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward Rev. Michelle has graciously agreed to cover some of the Sundays between now and the end of October, during Mother Michelle's medical leave. She will be joining us on the following dates:

September 21	Holy Communion with Anointing
October 5	Holy Communion
October 12	Holy Communion with Anointing

Extra Garden Vegetables? - Please bring in your extra garden vegetables to be used to prepare some delicious soups for the community members that use The Little Food Cupboard. Please leave them in the kitchen refrigerator for pick up Wed Sept 17th. Thank you!

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 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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