



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

10:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron

The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector

The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon

The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon

The Reverend Allie McDougall, Vicar

The Reverend Diana Boland, Curate

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Aria – Flor Peeters

Processional Hymn #101

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Grace

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Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

People **From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

Celebrant We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

People **We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

Celebrant We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

People **We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

Collect for Purity

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Gloria

#686

The Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Jack Nahrgang

Psalm

119: 97-104

Cantor: Marilyn Smith



Second Reading

2 Timothy 3: 14—4:5

Phil Guest

Gradual Hymn #451

King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

The Gospel

Luke 18: 1-8

Deacon:

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

People:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon:

The Gospel of Christ.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Ven. Rob Lemon

Anthem:

Lord, I trust Thee - G.F. Handel

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Jack Nahrgang

Response: **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Grow in Grace Prayer (*said together*)

Bookmark

The Peace

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Peal of the Bells

Peter Ryde

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Capital Campaign Hymn

Dear Lord and Saviour, grant that we
May grow in grace to honour thee.
Help our campaign to find support,
Without your blessing all is nought.

Please pour your blessings on our church,
For help, support and funds we search.
We seek support and help from all,
For any gift, both great and small.

We love this place, its hallowed grounds
With praise for you has oft resound.
Make us good stewards, as we ask
For strength now equal to our task

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
To us your creatures here below.
Dear Lord and Saviour, grant that we
May grow in grace to honour thee.

Text: Ian T. Sadler

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #2

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Agnus Dei

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The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn #85

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #433 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Dismissal

Postlude *Scherzo in g minor – Enrico Bossi*

The flowers on the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of:

~**Orville Mussell** ~
by his Helen Mussell & Family

Join us later today for:

~ **Jazz Vespers**

Featuring: The Steve Holowitz Trio ~
in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m..

NOTICES FOR OCTOBER 19th

Grow in Grace this Sunday — Join Us!

This Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service, gather in the narthex for **Campaign Sunday**—a warm, hope-filled moment to hear how God is leading St. James to **Grow in Grace**. We'll share quick updates on the work and where we're headed next.

Stop by the **Grow in Grace Table** for a chat! We'd be happy to answer questions. There will be **refreshments and goodies!**

If you haven't connected with an ambassador yet—or haven't received a package—we would especially love to see you. Learn more about shaping the next chapter, preserving our spiritual home and strengthening ministry. **Join us—let's Grow in Grace, together.**

*P.S. If you've already had a visit, please return your pledge card.
Thank you!*

Grow in Grace Progress Update:

We've raised \$346,581 and that is 54% of the goal- thank you for your generosity and prayers.

A Special Vestry

A Special Vestry to consider amalgamation with St. Stephen's and St. Paul's will take place on Sunday November 9, 2025 following the 10:30 am service. The meeting will be chaired by retired Archdeacon Peter Townshend. We will consider two motions that day. The first will be a motion to participate in creating a new Anglican community in Stratford through amalgamation at this site and the second will be a motion to transfer all of our operating and trust funds to the new parish with all current restrictions on use remaining. A list of eligible members of vestry will be available shortly. Between now and the meeting please pray for our Anglican family in Stratford and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our discernment. Yours in Christ, Rob +

Food Bank Wish List

Sadly, food insecurity is still rising. In September, our Food Bank had the busiest month ever, by far. We assisted 223 people, 84 of them children. We purchase most of the non-perishable foods and fresh fruits and vegetables that we provide, so money donations are vitally important. You can donate by cheque to St. James Anglican Church or by e-transfer to treasurer@stjamesstratford.ca, "Food Bank" in the memo space. Many thanks for your wonderful support!

Outreach Lunch November 2

The weather is getting colder, but a buffet of hot and delicious homemade soups after the 10:30 service will drive the chill away. Our guest presenter will be Joe Gladding, Peer Support Worker at Canadian Mental Health Association, Huron Perth Addiction and Mental Health Services. From his work and his own experiences of addiction and homelessness, Joe speaks with authority about overcoming stigma and seeing our hurting neighbours with respect and compassion, instead of fear or judgment. Free will donations will go to CMHA.

Join Us at Synod for Worship and the Collation of Our New Archdeacons

All are welcome to gather at the newly renovated St. Paul's Cathedral in downtown London on Friday, October 24th at 7:30pm as we celebrate the new ministries of our four newly appointed Territorial Archdeacons, including our Rob+! We hope to see you there as we celebrate his new ministry with others from across the Diocese.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 19 - *Evensong Choir rehearsal at 2:00 p.m.
* Jazz Vespers at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Oct. 21- *St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
*Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Room
- Oct. 22 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA
Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Room
- Oct. 23 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Oct. 24 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
*Velvet & Ivory – An Evening Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall
- Oct. 25 - *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Oct. 26 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
*Choral Evensong rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
*Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Readings – Sunday October 26th

Joel 2: 23-32

Chancel Team #4

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14

Friday Oct 24th
7pm to 8pm

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH, STRATFORD

AN EVENING CONCERT:

IN THE ACOUSTICALLY MAGNIFICENT UPPER PARISH HALL

VELVET & IVORY

Beverley Maranger, vocals

Tim Elliott, piano

and musical guests

**Performing jazz
standards
and classics.**

**Entrance by donation
in support of
THE FOOD MINISTRY
of St. James Church**

**For more information
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