



**Service of Holy Communion
with The Rev. Bill Craven**

October 26, 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: “Sing Ye Praises to the Father”

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The Gathering of the Community

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The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your
Spirit bring us to our promised land;
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*

First Reading

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

(Joel 2:23-32)

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65

Refrain:

***The seed that falls on good ground
Will yield a fruitful harvest.***

Second Reading

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

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.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

(Luke 18:9-14)

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

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Sermon: The Rev. Bill Craven

Our Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

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

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace *The congregation stands*

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Offertory Hymn:

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Tune: Hymn 374

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me.
How He left His home in glory
For the cross of Calvary.
I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me;
Faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
But He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me,
Sorrow's paths I often tread,
But the Savior still is with me;
By His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over,
Where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.

May we who offer you our
praise today always be ready
to follow where you lead;

we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer # 3

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

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #2

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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:

"Just As I Am/I Come Broken"

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come

*I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled*

*I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise God
Just as I am*

Just as I am I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God I come I come

"You Have Passed By"

Blue 510

Prayer after Communion *(The congregation stands)*

God our guide,
you have fed us with the bread
of heaven as you fed the people of Israel.
May we who have been inwardly
nourished be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Doxology

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The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

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
Howard and Valerie Jones in loving memory of Valerie's parents,
Anne and Paul Shipanock~

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: Corey Holdforth, Miranda Stringer and Colton Holdforth, Jim Sokoran, Sue Hollinger and Jonathan Sokoran

Those in need: Sarah, Mario, Linda, Krystyna, Mother Michelle, Robert, Brad & Jan, Jessie, Bill, Joe & Fiona, Gwen and Katherine

Announcements:

Parish Retreat Day Saturday, November 15 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Join us for coffee, muffins, and learning as we join the Wycliffe College session led by Dr Marion Taylor & The Rev. Dr Lissa Wray Beal. **In lieu of buying a ticket, we will be accepting donations on that day towards the HVAC.** Please sign up on the list in the Gathering Space if you plan to attend.

The ' Sweet' Sounds of Christmas! Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 pm
Sing along with the best Christmas music, enjoy guest performers, shop our budget-friendly Christmas mini market and savour free cookies and cocoa. Pay what you can at the door.

How to help:

- If you love to bake Christmas cookies could you please bake some for this event? We plan to offer cookies as people visit the market and if we have enough we will package some for sale.
- The Christmas mini-market will offer some gently loved items suitable for giving. If you have Christmas décor items or other potential gifts, please bring them to the church by Dec. 10.
- Mark your calendar, plan to attend and bring a friend.



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