



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 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, Vicar

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Prelude in F – C.V. Stanford

Processional Hymn #527

How Firm a Foundation

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 Isaiah 65: 17-25 *David Van Schaik*

Psalm Isaiah 12 *Cantor: Marilyn Smith*



Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 *Elaine Clark Siberry*

Gradual Hymn #5 *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

The Gospel Luke 21: 5-19
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: *O For a Closer Walk With God – C.V. Stanford*

Nicene Creed *BAS p. 188*

Prayers of the People *Lori Colbeck*

Response: **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Grow in Grace Prayer (*said together*) *Bookmark*

The Peace *BAS p. 192*

Peal of the Bells *Peter Ryde*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Capital Campaign

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 #3

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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 #65

Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #87

Strengthen for Service, Lord

Dismissal

Postlude

Marcia Eroica – C.V. Stanford

The flowers on the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of:
~**Passed Family Members** ~
by Karen Haslam & Phil Guest

NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER 16th

Grow in Grace Campaign Update

We're grateful—and excited—about the momentum of *Grow in Grace*. Thank you for every prayer, conversation, and gift that is moving this **Grow in Grace Campaign** forward. We are so excited to announce that we have now hit **80% of our initial goal**.

On this **Sunday, November 16**, we'd love to connect with anyone who hasn't yet been visited. **Please stop by after worship to pick up your campaign package from one of our ambassadors.**

We're looking forward to saying hello, answering questions, and sharing how you can join in on the campaign. If you still have any outstanding pledge envelopes, please bring them in and put them on the offering plate or hand them into the office.

We are also delighted that **Bishop Todd Townshend** is celebrating with us! There will be **lunch, and plenty of time to connect with one another.**

Please come—your presence matters, and your voice is important—contributing to where God is leading St. James'. **Join us—together, we'll Grow in Grace.**

Tianna's Upcoming Ordination to the Presbyterate

Our Curate Tianna will be called to the Presbyterate at a service of Ordination to be held on the Commemoration of Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, Tuesday, 18 November 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend this celebratory evening! Please also continue to hold her in prayer as she prepares for ordination to the ministerial priesthood.

Food Bank Wish List

The donation bin in the narthex was overflowing last Sunday. Many thanks for the great donations! Our current need is for several kinds of personal care products:

- Bar soap
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (adult and child)
- Kleenex

ACW Lunch Meeting - Thursday, November 20

Lower Hall, St. James' Church

10:00 - Coffee & Chat

10:30 - Small Business Meeting

11:00 - Guest Speaker

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Clean up

2:00 - Nap

Jazz Vespers - Sunday November 23, at 4 p.m.

Musicians: The Paul Shilton Quartet:

Paul Shilton - piano

Larry Larson - trumpet

Mike McLennan – bass

Andy MacPherson – drums.

All are welcome to this informal evening worship service. Free will offering.

Christmas Pantry Wish List

The Christmas Pantry at the Mini Mistletoe Market needs donations of home-made goodies, such as fudge, cookies, cakes, bread, pies, tarts, squares, muffins, jams, jellies and all kinds of preserves.

Please leave muffins/tea biscuits for the Snowflake Cafe in the Kitchen, and everything else in the **Upper Hall between 9am and 2pm on Friday, November 28th**. We look forward to attractively packaging all of your delicious contributions.

Calling All Our St. James Crafters

Our big pricing day is coming up quickly and we need as many of your crafts by **Tuesday, November 25th** if possible. Please take your crafts to the Upper Hall before 4pm that day.

Sincere Thanks, St. James Family, for your greatly appreciated support!!!

Wednesday Morning Eucharist

Join us for our mid-week Book of Common Prayer Eucharist services. If you miss the old BCP service, and prefer a quieter form of worship, this is the service for you! Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesdays at 10 am in the Chapel. Please use the ramp door.

Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the 2025 Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications may contact either:

*Susan Lebrun at Bermuda.david@outlook.com

*Kelly Strasler at office@stjamesstratford.ca

*There will also be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex

Please provide your dedication and amount you wish to contribute by December 12th.

Deadline for the weekly newsletter

If you would like to make an announcement or advertise an upcoming event for the Parish, please make sure to submit it to the office by Wednesday at 12pm to ensure it makes it into the weekly e-mail.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday November 23rd

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Canticle 19 (Luke 1: 68-79)

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

Chancel Team #3

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 18 - *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
- Nov. 19 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
 *Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave
 *English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA
 *Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Room
- Nov. 20 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
 *Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Nov. 21 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
 *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Nov. 22 - *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Nov. 23 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
 *Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
 *Jazz Vespers at 4:00 p.m.