



December 7th, 2025
The Second Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship
10:00 am

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!

We hope you feel at home.

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Please be seated

Reader: Praise to you, O God,

People: who gives us courage to start again.

Reader: You fasten righteousness around your waist

People: and Baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

Reader: Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask
that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth. **Amen.**

The Greeting

Green 185

Kyrie Eleison

All:	Kyrie eleison.	(Lord have mercy)
	Christe eleison.	(Christ have mercy)
	Kyrie eleison.	(Lord have mercy)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
Who sent your servant John the Baptist
To prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
Inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
To turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
We may stand with confidence before His glory;
Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

(Isaiah 11:1-10)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19

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Gospel Proclamation

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gradual: **"Prepare the Way"**

Blue 107

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

(Matthew 3:1-12)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual: **"Prepare the Way"**

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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 *Please stand* Green 192

Offertory Hymn: "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" Blue 106

The Lord's Prayer Green 211

Announcements

Closing Hymn "Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding" Blue 108

Dismissal

Officiant: 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 Mary Judge,
in loving memory of her parents, Charles and Doris Judge.~*

Announcements:

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.

The Little Food Cupboard This month the following items are required for the families in our community: shelf stable milks (almond milk, oat milk, coconut milk), juice boxes, jams, peanut butter, crackers, snacks, cake mixes, canned meats, and pasta sauce. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Vestry Reports Just a reminder that Vestry is soon approaching. Please submit your completed report to Grace at your earliest convenience. Having the reports completed ahead of time makes such a difference in preparing the full report. Thank you!

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: Gwen and Robert Redhead, David and Janice Reed, Donna Roberts, Tom Whalen, Chelsea and Riley

Those in need: Sarah, Mario, Krystyna, Mother Michelle, Bill, Robert W., Emma G., Silvana, Rose and Rob

Ways to Give

St. James' Church depends on parishioners' offerings to cover a substantial portion of its expenses. Thank you to everyone who generously supports our parish through their financial gifts.

It's easy and important to support St. James right now:

- ~Send an e-transfer to treasurer@stjamescaledoneast.ca
- ~Move to Pre-Authorized giving. Form available on the 'Donate' page of website
- ~Mail your cheque or arrange a time to drop it off at the office



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