



February 1st, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Service of Holy Communion
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: “God, Who Touched Earth with Beauty” Blue 422

The Gathering of the Community Green 185

The Gloria Green 186

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word *please be seated*

First 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. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

(1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

Gospel Proclamation *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Gradual: "Seek Ye First" verse 1 Blue 458

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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

(Matthew 5:1-12)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual: "Seek Ye First" verse 2 Blue 458

Guest Speaker: Mariia Kupriianova

Caledon Community Services, Chief Development Officer

Our Response to the Word

Hear, O Israel Green 53

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Merciful God,

All: **receive our prayer.**

The Peace *Please stand* Green 192

Offertory Hymn: “Blest Are the Pure in Heart” Blue 439

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer # 1 Green 193

After the Sanctus you have the option to remain standing, sit, or kneel as is your preference.

The Lord's Prayer Green 211

Breaking of the Bread # 1 Green 212

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

The Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please make your need known to the priest.

You are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.

Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify a sidesperson.

Communion Hymns:

“The Son of God Proclaim” Blue 77

“Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts” Blue 70

Announcements:

“Baby News” - A heartfelt congratulations to one of our Little Food Cupboard families, on the arrival of their daughter, Selena. We will be collecting money for this family, so Grace can purchase a gift for baby Selena (mid February). Look for the collection jar in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

Pancake Supper - Tuesday February 17 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up. The sheet can be found in the Gathering Space.

Lenten Book Study - "*Embracing Justice*"

Wednesdays beginning February 18, at 11:00am in the Gathering Space

At the end of each chapter there are questions for discussion and pointers for both private and corporate prayer and reflection. Let's all read together for Lent. 5 copies of the book are available for purchase \$20.00 each. Please contact Grace.

Vestry February 22 - Check to see if your name is on the Vestry list in the Gathering Space. Please contact Lori Robinson if any changes need to be made.

Bible Study - Every Wednesday at 11:00 am, in the White Room/Library, ends February 11

Wednesday Noon Eucharist - in the White Room/Library

The Little Food Cupboard - This month we would greatly appreciate the following items: ***Canned soups, beans, pasta, pasta sauces, cake mixes and non-refrigerated milk products (almond, coconut, soy, etc...)***

Thank you for your generosity, the people of Caledon East are grateful for you!

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Jeff Stone and the people of St. Jude's, Bramalea

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Mary Judge, David & Debbie Kusturin, Al & Gill Lawrie, Maria Mastrocola, Pam McKinnon, and Trudy Messer

Those in need: Mario, Elizabeth, Emma G., Silvana, Rose, Rob, Connor, Paul, Anna M., Sharleen & Doug, Rob and Jan's Father.

The Romero Prayer

It helps, now and then,
to step back and take the long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts;
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime
only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise
that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,
which is another way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water the seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects
far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything
and there is a sense of liberation
in realizing that.

This enables us to do something
and to do it well.
It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning,
a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace
to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between
the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.



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