



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Communion**

**March 15, 2026
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

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Blue 397

The Greeting

Please remain standing

Green 216

Confession and Absolution

Green 217

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

The First Reading

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

(Ephesians 5:8-14)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

**read responsively*

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

Gradual: “La ténèbre n’est point ténèbre”

Blue 549

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’ They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

(John 9:1-41)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: “La ténèbre n’est point ténèbre”

Blue 549

Homily: The Rev. Michelle Jones

Prayers of the People

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

The Peace *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Offertory Hymn

“The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy”

Blue 631

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts *Please remain standing*

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 #7

Green 213

**All: 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:

“I Come with Joy”

Blue 60

“O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near”

Blue 52

Prayer after Communion *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

The Doxology

Green 214

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn:

“Let My People Seek Their Freedom”

Blue 471

Dismissal

Leader: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

*Thanks to all who took part in our church family Lenten discipline by paying a visit to help out at **The Exchange**.*



Holy Week Schedule

Saturday March 28 @ 10:00 am

Palm cross making

Sunday March 29 @ 10:00 am

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Thursday April 2 @ 4:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Friday April 3 @ 10:00 am

Good Friday @ Caledon East United Church

Sunday April 5 @ 10:00 am

Easter Sunday Holy Communion

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: Linda & George Berney, Stan & Debbie Cameron, Brad Canning, Lily Canning, The Rev. Michelle Jones

Those in need: Elizabeth, Rose, Rob, Connor, Paul, Rob, Silvana, Mario and Lou F.

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

We are grateful for your desire to make a financial contribution. At St. James we accept offerings through pre-authorized giving, e-transfers, or by contribution to our offering plate. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give. You are our guest!



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