



Third Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion

April 19, 2026

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:

"Spirit of the Living God"

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The Gathering of the Community

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The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word *Please be seated*

The First Reading

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

(Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116

Refrain: **Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of the Lord.**

*How can I make a return to the Lord
for all God has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up
I will call on the name of the Lord*

*Precious indeed in the sight of the Lord
is the death of the faithful ones
And I am your servant, your chosen one
For you have set me free*

*Unto your name I will offer my thanks
for the debt that I owe to you
In the presence of all who have called on your name
in the courts of the house of the Lord*

The Second Reading

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

(1 Peter 1:17-23)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Proclamation

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gradual: "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Halle, halle, halle-luia
Halle, halle, halle-luia
Halle, halle, halle-luia
Halleluia, halleluia.

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.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them,

'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

(Luke 24:13-35)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual: **"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"**

Halle, halle, halle-luia

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Halleluia, halleluia.

Homily: The Rev. Michelle Jones

Hear, O Israel

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Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Merciful God,

All: **receive our prayer.**

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let us break bread together on our knees

When I fall on my knees

With my face to the rising sun

O Lord have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees

Let us drink wine together on our knees

When I fall on my knees

With my face to the rising sun

O Lord have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees

Let us praise God together on our knees

When I fall on my knees

With my face to the rising sun

O Lord have mercy on me

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer # 2

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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 #8

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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

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.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

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

Communion Hymns

Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you to eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

You Are My All in All

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

*Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name*

Prayer after Communion

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Yours Be the Glory"

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Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Canon Dr. Isaac Kawuki Mukasa and the people of St. James the Apostle, Brampton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Al and Gil Lawrie, Maria Mastrocola, Pam McKinnon, Trudy Messer, Ryan Morant, Caroleen Wint, Noah, Nilah, Nile, and Nixon Morant

Those in need: Elizabeth, Silvana, Rob, Connor, Paul, Mario, Robert R.

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!



The Servant-Girl at Emmaus
(A Painting by Velázquez)

She listens, listens, holding
her breath. Surely that voice
is his — the one
who had looked at her, once, across the crowd,
as no one ever had looked?
Had seen her? Had spoken as if to her?

Surely those hands were his,
taking the platter of bread from hers just now?
Hands he'd laid on the dying and made them well?

Surely that face — ?

The man they'd crucified for sedition and blasphemy.
The man whose body disappeared from its tomb.
The man it was rumored now some women had seen this morning, alive?

Those who had brought this stranger home to their table
don't recognize yet with whom they sit.
But she in the kitchen, absently touching
the wine jug she's to take in,
a young Black servant intently listening,

swings round and sees
the light around him
and is sure.

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