



National Indigenous Day of Prayer Service of Holy Communion

June 21, 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:

"Many and Great, are Your Works"

SFGP 80

Gathering of the Community

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The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The congregation sits

Psalm 19

***Refrain: The heavens declare the glory of God,
the skies proclaim his work.
The heavens declare the glory of God,
the skies proclaim his work.***

Day after day, they pour forth speech.
Calling to all the earth
God's perfect law
Refreshes the soul.
Giving light to the eyes.

The precepts of God give joy to the heart.
The fear of the Lord is pure.
They are more precious than purest gold
in them is great reward.

The words of my mouth, the meditation
The meditation of my heart.
May these be pleasing in your sight
My rock and my redeemer.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Always dance with joy before our Honored Chief! I will say it again: dance with joy! Let everyone see how kind and thoughtful you are. Our Honored Chief is close at hand. Do not let your hearts be weighed down with anything. Instead, with every step you take, send your voice to the Great Spirit, asking him for the things you need. And in all your prayers *remember to* give him thanks. Then the peace and harmony of the Great Spirit, which goes far beyond our small and weak ways of thinking, will watch over your hearts and minds through the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus). Last of all, my sacred family members, if anything can be seen as good and honorable, think *deeply* about these things. Things that are true and noble, upright and pure, full of beauty and worthy of respect. Follow the way of life you have seen in me, the things you have learned from me, heard from me, and received from me. Keep walking in the traditions I have passed on to you. Then the Great Spirit of Peace will continue to walk with you on this road.

(Philippians 4:4-9 First Nations Translation)

Gospel Proclamation *The congregation stands*

Gradual: “What a Goodly Thing”

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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.**

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same.

Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator’s life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father’s plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born."

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws. But the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart; has shown us what he is like.

(John 1:1-18 First Nations Translation)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual: "What a Goodly Thing"

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Homily: The Rev. Michelle Jones

Hear, O Israel

The congregation stands

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Prayers of the People

Leader: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

The Peace *The congregation stands*

Celebrant: The peace of the Creator who sets you free
be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

SFGP 2

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Let us pray together,

**All: Creator, you bless us with many good gifts
returned to you from your creation. Feed
us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*After the Sanctus, you have the option to stand, sit or kneel
as the celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Celebrant: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to this commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies; that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,
Creator of all. And we bless your holy name for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.
So, come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who
have failed, come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
These are 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 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. 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 sidesperson.

Communion Hymns:

"Let There be Peace on Earth"
"When I Needed a Neighbour"

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Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

People: **Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Together we pray,

All: **Holy One, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, Only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn: "The Singer and the Song"

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Dismissal

Leader: 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
David Finch in loving memory of his parents,
Gwen and George Finch* ❖

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Theodore Hunt; the Rev. Luigi Battista and the people of Christ Church, Brampton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Sue Hollinger, Jim & Jonathan Sorokan, Howard & Valerie Jones, Rev. Michelle Jones, Brad & Lily Canning

Those in need: Elizabeth, Silvana, Connor, Paul, Mario, Sasha, Robert, Laura, Rosemary, Arfel and Rick.

Announcements

The Little Food Cupboard is in need of your help!

Please bring in the following items to fill our shelves for those in our community. **Pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, rice, dry cereal, cake mixes, milk alternatives, cookies and snacks.**

Thank you for your support!

Joint Service with Caledon East United Church, here at St. James on Sunday July 12 at 10:00 am

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.*

(e-transfers to treasurer@stjamescaledoneast.ca)

*If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give. You are our
guest!*



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