



***Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

Sunday July 12, 2026

9:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron

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The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon

The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Joel West, Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

Neil F. Young, Contemporary Musician

Peter Ryde, Chimer

Opening Sentence

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.
Deuteronomy 30.14

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: Common Praise #60

I Come with Joy

The Grace

Celebrant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People

And also with you.

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant

We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

People

From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.

Celebrant

We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

People

We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.

Celebrant

We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

People

We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God.

All

**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Act of Praise: Common Praise #336

Masithi: Amen

The Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 25: 19-34

Cindy Morgan

Psalm 45: 11-18

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Second Reading Romans 8: 1-11

Cindy Morgan

Gradual Hymn “*Ancient Words*”

written by Ronnie C. Freeman Jr.

And Tony W. Wood CCLI#2850221

**1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God’s own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart**

Chorus

**Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts,
Oh, let the ancient words impart**

**2. Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength , help us cope
In this world, where e’er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home**

Chorus

**Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts,
Oh, let the ancient words impart**

The Gospel

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Deacon:

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

People:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon:

The Gospel of Christ.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tianna Gocan

Open Space

Apostles' Creed (sung): Common Praise #46

I believe in God Almighty

Prayers of the People

Response: **Your Will be Done on Earth, O Lord.**

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant

All

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn Common Praise #423 *How Great Thou Art*

Prayer over the Gifts

**All (singing): All things come of thee, O Lord
And of Thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2 *BAS p. 196*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour
and Redeemer....

Now with all creation we raise our voices to
proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ...
 All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,
 with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and
 for ever.**

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (said) *BAS p. 211*

Breaking of the Bread #2 *BAS p. 212*

The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn: "Come to the Table"
by Cloninger and Nystrom 1991 CCLI# 675056

**Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come and your souls will be fed.**

**Come at the Lord's invitation,
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

BAS p. 214

Celebrant

All

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn Common Praise #502

You are Salt for the Earth

Dismissal

The flowers on the Altar today are given
to the glory of God and
in loving memory of my parents:
~ **Alice & Gerald Anderson** ~
by Susan LeBrun

NOTICES FOR JULY 12th

Archdeacon Rob Lemon Vacation Time

Archdeacon Rob Lemon will be on vacation from June 29th to July 13th. For any Pastoral needs during this time please contact: Ven. Tanya Phibbs & Rev. Tianna Gocan between July 2nd to July 13th.

Resignation Announcement

Bishop Townshend has accepted the request of the Reverend Diana Boland to resign as the Vicar of St. James', St. Marys and Holy Trinity, Stratford, with primary responsibility for St. James', St. Marys, effective 31 August 2026. Diana has accepted a position as Incumbent of St. Mark's, Qualicum Beach, in the Diocese of Islands and Inlets.

ACW Coffee In The Garden

Join us for a casual coffee and visit on FRIDAY JULY 17, at 11:00 a.m. Bring your favourite Cookie Recipe to share while you enjoy some home-made goodies with your ACW friends. Perhaps we can gather our recipes into a booklet to share at a future Tea Party. Hope you can join us!

Chamber Music Concert - Sunday July 19th

Chamber Music Concert - *Josef Rheinberger trio opus 149 for violin, cello, and pipe organ* at Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford at 3:00 p.m. Featuring: Alex Toskov – Violin, Milica Toskov, Cello, Wayne Carroll, Organ. Suggested donation of \$25. Proceeds to support the fund for improving accessibility to the Church.