

Service of Holy Communion

August 16, 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: "O Christ, the Healer" vs 1,2 & 5 Blue 291

Gathering of the Community *Congregation remains standing* Green 185

The Gloria Green 186

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word *The congregation sits*

The First Reading

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

(Genesis 45: 1-15)

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 *(read responsively)*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is,
when siblings dwell in unity!

It is like vistas seen from atop a mountain one has climbed.
Or like the stillness of a sunset after a long day's work.

It is like a shimmering rainbow,
breaking through a summer rain.

When people dwell in harmony,
the star of Truth appears!

Nan C. Merrill, "Psalms for Praying"
(Bloomsbury Publishing, Oxford, 2007)

Gospel Proclamation *The congregation stands*

Gradual: "Ubi Caritas et Amor" Blue 553

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.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

(Matthew 15:21-28)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual: "Ubi Caritas et Amor" Blue 553

Homily: The Rev. Michelle Jones

Prayers of the People
Leader: Merciful God,
All: **receive our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution Green 191

The Peace *The congregation stands*
Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: "We Cannot Measure How Your Heal" Blue 292

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer # 1 Green 193

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

The Lord's Prayer Green 211

Breaking of the Bread #4 Green 212

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

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:
"Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist" Blue 57
"Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken" Blue 54

Prayer after Communion *The congregation stands*

The Doxology Green 214

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" Blue 430

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Jason Prisley and the people of St. Hugh & St. Edmund, Malton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Diane Allengame & Jim Farmer, George and Linda Berney, Stan & Debbie Cameron, Brad Canning, The Rev. Michelle Jones, and Lily Canning

Those in need: Elizabeth, George, Silvana, Mario, Robert, Rosemary, Donna & Family, Nicole, Tom, and Peter.

Announcements

Backpack Blessing Service on September 13th at 10:00am

Join us with your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews for a special BackPack Blessing for the new school year.

Special Cemetery Service on Sunday September 20th at 10:00am

Weather permitting. **Please note this will replace the regular 10:00 am worship service at the church.

Creation and Evolution - Science versus The Bible Wednesday September 23rd, at 7:00pm on Zoom

Genesis interpreted through the lens of faith and science. Presented to you by Howard Jones. Find the link on the Event page on our website.

Pet Blessing on October 4th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Bring your favourite furry, feathered or scaled pet to St. James for a special Pet Blessing Service. We will gather on the grassy area beside the rear parking lot. Please ensure your pet is on a leash or in a carrier. Mother Michelle Jones will bless each animal by name, and together we will pray for all creatures - wild and domesticated, which God cares for so very much. Invite your friends.

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.

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), please make sure to use the password GRACE123 - thank you!

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



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