



Service of Holy Communion
September 6, 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

Gathering of the Community *Congregation remains standing* Green 185

The Gloria

Green 186

The Collect of the Day

Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The congregation sits

The First Reading

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

(Revelation 22:1-5, 17)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33: 1 -11 *(read responsively)*

Gospel Proclamation *The congregation stands*

Gradual: "Of Eternal Love Begotten" v.2

Blue 132

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.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

(John 1: 1-5)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual: "Of Eternal Love Begotten" v.2

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Homily: Howard Jones

Hear O Israel

Green 53

Prayers of the People *Congregational response is in bold print*

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:
for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory;

for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

A brief silence.

We thank you for giving us life; remembering in our deanery...
And from our church cycle of prayer...
For all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all who are deprived of fulness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;
We remember especially today...
And, remembering silently or aloud, others who are in our hearts and minds
today.

For those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,
For all who seek to bring life to others.

We give thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before
us; remembering especially today Dan Price-Jones.

A brief silence.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
May your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

A brief silence.

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery;
yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives;
Yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities.
Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world,
watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes.
Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *The congregation stands*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: "Wind Upon the Waters"

Blue 408

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer #4

Green 196

*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 #1

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

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:

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Blue 519

"Fill Me Lord"

I come to the well, I am thirsty. My soul is open to you.
With your living water, Lord fill me; refresh, restore, renew.
Fill me Lord, fill me Lord, with your presence, your peace,
your light, your love.

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands

The Doxology

Green 214

The Blessing

Announcements

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
Neil and Cobina Price-Jones,
in loving memory of Dan Price-Jones* ❖

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Julie Meakin (Regional Dean), and the people of Holy Family, Heart Lake

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Corey Holdforth, Miranrda Stringer and Colton Holdforth, Sue Hollinger, Jim and Jonathan Sorokan, Howard and Valerie Jones

Those in need: Elizabeth, George, Silvana, Mario, Robert, Rosemary, Donna & Family, Tom, Peter, Jane, Donna R., Robin and John K.

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.

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

Weather permitting...our 10:00 am worship service will take place at the St. James Cemetery (south-east corner of Old Church Rd. and Innis Lake Rd. - parking on Innis Lake and at Robert F. Hall across the road). **We will meet back at St. James around 11:00 am for a pot-luck lunch.**

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. Be sure to invite your friends.

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!*