



St. James Caledon East

**Creation Care - Living Water Sunday
Holy Communion with Anointing**

**Sunday September 27, 2026
10:00 am**

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Opening Hymn: "Let Your Living Water" *please remain seated*

Let Your living water flow over my soul
Let Your Holy Spirit come and take control
Of every situation that has troubled my mind
All my cares and burdens onto You I roll

Jesus Jesus Jesus (sing to the Father)
Father Father Father (Holy Spirit)
Spirit Spirit Spirit

Come now Holy Spirit and take control
Hold me in Your loving arms and make me whole
Wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride
Draw me to Your love and keep me by Your side

Give your life to Jesus let Him fill your soul
Let Him take you in His arms and make you whole
As you give your life to Him He'll set you free
You will live and reign with Him eternally

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**All: Lord of all creation, you have entrusted us with the
care of the earth. Give us wisdom to live in harmony
with all you have made, that creation itself may
rejoice in freedom and your whole world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word *congregation sits*

The First Reading

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'
(Exodus 17:1-7)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34

Refrain: Taste and see the goodness of Lord, the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise ever in my mouth.
Glory in the Lord for ever, and the lowly will hear and be glad.

Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol God's name.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to God that you might be radiant with joy, and your faces free from all shame.

The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress.

Gospel Proclamation *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Gradual: "Alleluia" *refrain only*

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

(Matthew 21:23-32)

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual: "Alleluia" *refrain only*

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Message: **Keri Parfitt** *congregation sits*

A time of silence.

Confession of Faith

All: **We believe in the love of God; embodied in the person of Jesus; spread through the cosmos by the Holy Spirit.**

Prayers in Four Directions *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Intercessor: We face the East

Let us turn our hearts, our minds and bodies towards you as we pray. As we turn towards the rising sun, we remember the oceans, fisheries, long and dangerous journeys and all people who make their living from water and on the water. We remember how the oceans brought a diversity of people to this country and met the first peoples here. We pray for people who make their living from the water, and we pray for people who still cross oceans to find a safe home. In our parish cycle of prayer, we remember.. (Names) May we continue to be a people of welcome, of sanctuary, of new possibilities and opportunities and be gracious to share the abundance of our home.

All: Loving Creator, we thank you.

Intercessor: We face the South *the congregation turns left*

As we turn to the South we remember the many, many people who live in urban communities. Unseen, underneath our cities are the water systems that make the city possible, the water systems that provide for homes and offices, and all the business and industrial uses of water. Help us never to forget our dependence on water systems. We pray too that we be mindful of using water responsibly and ethically. Keep us mindful of preserving the integrity of water and remember how precious it is as a resource. Help us teach our children to care for our water.

All: Loving Creator, we thank you.

Intercessor: We face the West *the congregation turns left*

Looking westward, we remember the rural uses of water—water for farms, for irrigation for crops, for animals and to grow the food that supports all of our lives. We pray for the rural communities of Caledon. May we be mindful of their vitality and importance in the web of sustaining life. In this place and time, as we stand and pray together, we pray especially for communities who do not yet have access to safe, reliable drinking water. We remember especially indigenous communities for whom this is an ongoing struggle. We pray for our communities, our leaders, our own capacities to speak out. Creator God, who gave us the gift of the waters

above and the waters below, help us to ensure that all your children have access to good water. We pray that everyone's right to water will be heard and respected.

All: Loving Creator, we thank you.

Intercessor: We face the North *the congregation turns left*
From this place, and looking back through time in the history of our country and our peoples, we remember the rivers. Rivers have made us what we are and connect us. Our lives are bound together by these rivers. O God, creator of the waters above and the waters below, make us one body, like the body of rivers flowing together from many sources. Help us to remember that what happens to one part of the body affects all others. We remember especially today, *(Names)*. Help us to be mindful of the protection of our water systems, as we are also mindful of protecting and standing with all parts of the body of Christ, your world, your people.

All: Loving Creator, we thank you.

Celebrant: We face into the center of this space.

the congregation turns to face the centre aisle

As we have come full circle in our movement and prayers, may we remember the path that water takes as it cycles through our lives. Help us to live in ways that proclaim your glory together for the love of the world.

All: Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

Confession and Absolution *congregation turns to face the altar*

Celebrant: Come, let us return to the Lord as we say:

All: Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The God of Love enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the God of Compassion defend you in Trouble and keep you from all evil. The God of Mercy accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: "May the Mind of Christ My Saviour"

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by His love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through His pow'r.

May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May His beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only Him.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

People: **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant: God the Creator is here.

People: **God's Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God the Creator**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

People: **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ. With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the saints, and all our ancestors as we sing:

**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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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: O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation. You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator. Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other. Surrounded now by our ancestor saints, and all saints and all angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever. May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Rejoicing in the light of God's presence, let us pray as our Savior Christ taught us.

People: **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Whoever comes to me shall never hunger.

All: **Whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

The Communion of the People

Celebrant: 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 the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

Communion Hymns:

"All Who Hunger"

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered, in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

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Prayer after Communion *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**All: Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven.
Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our
minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your
Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the Creator who brings forth green from the earth;
the Christ who reconciles all things, and the Spirit who
renews and sustains life, be with you, strengthen you,
and bring you peace, this day and always. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: "We Shall Go Out"

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out, and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

People: Thanks be to God.

**This liturgy was taken, in part, from the "Fill the Hill" event on Parliament Hill, July 6, 2013 on the occasion of the Joint Assembly of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.*

Announcements

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.

Women's Fall Retreat "Women Supporting Women"

Save the Date: Saturday November 7th 9am to 2pm

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

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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!

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