



Service of Holy Communion
October 4, 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: "King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You" Blue 451

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

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as
to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,
blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of
Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the
surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have
suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I
may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own
that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like
him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but
I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I
do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I
press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ
Jesus.

(Philippians 3:4-14)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 *(read responsively)*

Gospel Proclamation *The congregation stands*

Gradual: "Seek Ye First"

Blue 458

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 said, 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

(Matthew 21:33-46)

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

Gradual: **"Seek Ye First"** Blue 458

Homily: Claire Olorenshaw

Hear O Israel Green 53

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

Reader: Hear us, O God.
People: **Your mercy is great!**

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: "The Love of Jesus Calls Us" Blue 434

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 #2

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:

"O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near"

Blue 52

"Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist"

Blue 57

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands

The Doxology

Green 214

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Blue 461

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. Don Davidson and the people of Christ Church, Bolton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: David & Jan Reed, Donna Roberts, Tom Whalen, Riley and Chelsea, Lori & Garry Robinson, Matthew & Linda, Caleb and Taylor Robinson

Those in need: Elizabeth, George, Silvana, Mario, Robert, Jane, Gord G., Rob and Family, Claire M., Alex R., Carly and The Unger Family.

Announcements

TODAY! 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 Blessing Women"

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

"Women Blessing Women" is the theme of this day, led by Dr. Joanne Redhead. Register today! Suggested Fee: \$20 (or pay what you can). Find the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. Payments can be made by cash or e-transfer at treasurer@stjamescaledoneast.ca, use password GRACE123. *Space is limited, register asap.*

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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