

**A Service to Celebrate
The Life and Witness of
Audrey Ruth Chapman**

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Welcome!

Thank you for joining St. James today. It is good that you are here. Children are welcome to sit with their caregivers today or gather in 'The Prayer Ground' at any time during the service.

The congregation responses are in **bold** type.

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Prelude

**Opening Sentences**    *The congregation is invited to stand*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

*John 11:25-26*

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

*John 14:1-3*

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8.38-39

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

One    We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
          who died and was raised to the glory of God.  
          Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

**All    And also with you.**

## The Collect

One    God of all consolation,  
          in your unending love and mercy  
          you turn the darkness of death  
          into the dawn of new life.  
          Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.  
          Be our refuge and our strength  
          to lift us from the darkness of grief  
          to the peace and light of your presence.  
          Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
          by dying for us, conquered death  
          and by rising again, restored life.  
          May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,  
          and after our life on earth  
          be reunited with our brothers and sisters  
          where every tear will be wiped away.  
          We ask this through Jesus Christ.

All        **Amen.**

## Hymn CP 416 All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain:*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each radiant flow’r that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings.

*Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one. *Refrain*  
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,  
how great is the Creator, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

# The Proclamation of the Word

**Psalm 139** *Congregational responses in bold print*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night,"  
darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright of the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

**Remembrances by Audrey's children and grandchildren**

**HYMN** *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry:  
all who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I have made the stars of night; I will make their darkness bright;  
who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me: I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied:  
I will give my life to them: whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.* John Michael Talbot

## **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

Stephen Zuccolo

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food  
filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the  
earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might  
save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Ch 25:6-9

One Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **A Reading from Paul to the Colossians**

Jennifer Zuccolo

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with  
compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Ch 3:12-17

One    Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All    **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading**

Sarah Kroman

*Please stand as you are able*

One    God is with you

All    **and also with you**

One    The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All    **Glory to you, O Jesus Christ**

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?”

For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. *Matthew 6:25-34*

One    The Gospel of Christ  
All    Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

## Reflection

The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs

## The Prayers of the People

*Let us pray.....*

### Hymn CP 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.

## The Eucharist

Prayer over the gifts *(please stand as you are able)*

One Blessed are you God of all creation,  
through your goodness you have given us the promise of  
eternal life, in which your servant, Audrey, now shares.

**All As we share this bread and wine may we be aware of  
your promise, and be empowered to live in true hope  
and love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One God is with you.

**All And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts,

**All we lift them to God**

One Let us give thanks to the Living God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One It is indeed right for you made us,  
and before us you made the world we inhabit,  
and before the world, you made the eternal home,  
in which through Christ, we have a place.  
All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in  
you; all that is lovely, all who are loving  
point to you as their fulfilment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the  
universe beyond our understanding, we praise you, whom  
eternity cannot contain for coming to earth and entering  
time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living,  
for his compassion which changes our hearts,  
for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless  
generalities, for his disturbing presence, in innocent  
suffering, his death made in faith upon the cross,  
his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and  
worship him! And so we gladly join our voices to the song  
of the Church on earth and in heaven:

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

One      And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfils  
your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came  
because words were not enough.

*(Silence is kept)*

Before he died, Jesus gathered with friends around a  
table, he took bread and gave you thanks,  
he broke it and gave it to his friends saying;  
“Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you,  
do this in remembrance of me”.

After supper he took a cup of wine, again he gave you  
thanks, and he gave it to them saying,  
“Take this and drink, this is my blood of the new  
covenant which is shed for you and for many for  
the forgiveness of sins,  
do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me”.

Merciful God, send now in kindness your Holy Spirit upon  
this bread and wine. And let that same Spirit rest upon us,  
converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until  
we conform to the shape of him whose food we share.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the union of  
the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours timeless,  
loving and forgiving God, now and forever. Amen.

One      As our Saviour Christ taught us, we pray together,  
**All      Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

One This is the table of the Lord,  
ready for those who love God,  
and those who want to love God more.  
So come, if you have much faith and if you have  
little, if you have been here often and if you have  
never been before, if you have tried to follow Jesus and  
if you have failed.  
Come, because it is Christ who invites us to meet him  
here.

The gifts of God for the people of God,  
**All Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to receive holy communion, or, if you prefer, a blessing – in which case please cross your arms across your chest. Either way, you honour us by your presence and participation.*

## **Music During Communion**

### **Prayer after Communion** *(please stand as you are able)*

One We give you thanks and praise God of love and  
compassion, because you have fed us in this meal and  
given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for  
all people and in which Audrey now shares.  
Send us out from this place to live the new life promised in  
your resurrection, that the world you love might know you  
more clearly. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## The Commendation

**All      Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;  
and we are mortal formed of the earth,  
and to earth shall we return.**

**For so did you ordain when you created me saying,  
“You are dust and to dust you shall return”.**

**All of us go down to the dust;  
yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**One      Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,  
we commend your servant Audrey.  
Acknowledge we pray, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock,  
a soul of your own redeeming.  
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.**

## The Blessing

**One      The God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,  
give you comfort and peace,  
light and hope, in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you,  
this day and always. **Amen.****

## **Recessional Hymn CP 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

## **Voluntary**

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| Rector               | Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs                                                                 |
| Honorary Assistants  | Rev. Canon Peter Davison<br>Rev. Mary Ryback                                              |
| Parish Deacon        | Rev. Deacon Ann Vander Berg                                                               |
| Guest Musician       | Bruce Cross                                                                               |
| Parish Administrator | Samuel Crossman                                                                           |
| Wardens              | Marline Sarjeant<br>Gillian Hendry<br>Janet Cannon-Davison<br>Isabella Guthrie-McNaughton |