



Third Sunday after the Epiphany



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TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Saint James Church acknowledges that the land upon which we gather is the traditional territory shared between the Haudenosaunee(ho-din-oh-show-knee) confederacy and the Anishinaabe(ah-nih-shih-nah-bai) nations which was acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon wampum belt; and on the territory traditionally inhabited by the Neutral. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty tract. Committing ourselves to truth and the work of reconciliation, we seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

Welcome to this time of worship

Thank you for joining St. James today. It is good that you are here! If you are visiting or looking for your spiritual home, please make yourself known to us. We welcome your presence with us.

During our worship today please remember:

- During this time of pandemic worship, we are pausing our mask mandate for the time being. Masks are highly encouraged but the choice of wearing a mask in the church building is based on personal circumstances and tolerance for risk. During the sharing of the peace some people may not feel comfortable with close contact.
- During the eucharist, everyone wishing to draw closer to the love of God is welcome to receive bread and wine. At the appointed time please come up the main aisle. If you wish to receive the bread only, please cross your arms after receiving the bread. If you wish a blessing instead of receiving bread and wine, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. Gluten free bread is blessed for anyone who requires it. Please indicate to the priest if needed.
- Children are welcome here at Saint James! Children can gather in 'The Prayer Ground' at the beginning of the service and will then be led downstairs to their program with their leaders. The children will rejoin us at communion. If this is your first time here, please go with your child to meet the leader and inform them of any allergies or special needs. For those not wanting to leave their parents, the prayer-ground is available throughout the service.
- A collection plate is located in the middle aisle of the church. If you wish to make a gratitude offering for the blessings from God in your life, please place the offering on the plate before the time of the offertory hymn. Your gift will be used to support the ministry and mission in the St. James community of faith. Take a moment to give thanks for God's blessings in your life today.

- The service is being livestreamed and is taped for viewing online.
- The congregation responses are in **bold** type.



Prelude *Matins*

Healey Willan

Processional Hymn – CP 387 All Praise to Thee
 (see pages 11-15 for words for hymns)

Welcome and Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement (*please stand as you are able*)

The Gathering of the Community (*remain standing*)

One: The Magi followed the light of your star wherever it led.

All: Our journeys have brought us to this place.

One: The Magi expected a King and found a newborn child in a manger.

All: We, too, seek the fulfillment of your promise and find ourselves together in this community.

One: God of all creation, give us the will to follow your light. Open our eyes to see you in the ordinary of our lives. Grant us the courage and insight to respond as your faithful people wherever our journey takes us.

All: Amen.

Collect

One: Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us.

All: **Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First reading *(please be seated)*

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that

no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn CP 156 The People That in Darkness Sat (v1-3)

The Gospel

Matthew 4.12-23

(please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel)

One: God be with you,

All: and also with you.

One: Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and

followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

One: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn CP 156 The People That in Darkness Sat (v. 4-6)

Homily

The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs

(please be seated)

Affirmation of Faith – New Zealand Creed

All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus
Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship You. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The response to the prayers is...

One: God of love,

All: Hear our prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

One: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

One: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**All: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

**forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

One: Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Peace *(please stand as you are able)*

One: The peace of Christ be always with you

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn CP 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(please stand as you are able for the Prayer over the Gifts and the Great Thanksgiving)

Prayer over Gifts

One: Liberating God,

You break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.

**All: Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You, we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Saviour,
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: Worthy of praise and thanksgiving are you, Lord God,
for you summoned all things into being,
and from the beginning you beckoned your creation
to fullness of life in you.

Through covenant you claimed a people to share your life;
in slavery you called them to freedom;
in exile you summoned them to faithfulness;
in their sin you beckoned them toward your light.

From the first day until now

you have called creation to share your goodness.

In Christ you came seeking our salvation with your very
life, bidding us to come and follow.

Our rejection of him led to the horror of the cross, but you
have drawn us to yourself forever
through the glory of his resurrection.

And so with your people on earth, and with the company
of heaven, we join the unending hymn.

All: 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Sustaining God, in you many become one.
You gathered fishermen from their nets to become apostles.
Just so you take grain from the fields and grapes from the vine to make this holy meal.
And now you gather around this table to remember the story of our redemption.
Make us one body.
Sustain us by the grace of the one bread we share and one cup of blessing which we bless.
Send your Spirit upon this bread and wine that it may be for us the body and blood of Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying "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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Generous God, in Christ you threw wide the net of your grace, calling disciples one by one to be your followers; not in their own righteousness, but because you would have us be your companions and share your glory forever.

Reveal in your church the wideness of your mercy.
Bless those today who wonder if they have strayed too far to be found by you or to belong among your people.

Inspire all who struggle to know their purpose in your kingdom and long to hear your voice.

Beckon your disciples to come and follow, to work alongside you, casting the net of grace, until all are gathered in and one in you, ever-seeking and ever-saving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

One: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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.**

Invitation to Communion

One: Come and taste the joy of God!
The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Thanksgiving Prayer *(please stand as you are able)*

One: Holy One,

**All: We thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

The Blessing

One: The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
bless, strengthen and uphold you, today and always.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Dismissal

One: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: *Finale Jubilante*

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Hymns for January 22

Processional CP 387 All Praise to Thee

**All praise be yours, for you, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: alleluia,
alleluia!**

**Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: alleluia, alleluia!**

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary: alleluia, alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,
thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow: alleluia,
alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored: alleluia, alleluia!

Gradual Hymn CP 156 The People That in Darkness Sat
The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.

For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.

Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.

Offertory Hymn CP 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind
Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.**

Communion Hymn CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Recessional Hymn CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Today's Ministry Team

<i>Presiding and Preaching</i>	<i>The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs</i>
<i>Music Director:</i>	<i>Richard Hansen</i>
<i>Lay Assistant:</i>	<i>Tom Atterton</i>
<i>Server:</i>	<i>Jamie Gardner</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Richard Hansen, Jill Regoeczi</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Irene Schmidt, Bernie Schmidt, Jill Regoeczi</i>
<i>Duty Warden:</i>	<i>Barry Shimmons</i>

COMING EVENTS

January 22 – Holiday House Tour Debrief following the service

January 29 – Servers & Eucharistic Assistant Meeting
following the service
- Trivia Night Committee meeting in the Parlour
following the service.

February 1 - Parish Council at 7pm. via Zoom

February 15 - Pre-Vestry Meeting at 7pm. via Zoom

February 26 - **Vestry** in Dundas Room after 10 am service.

For your viewing pleasure in February, St James will host Bob Morrow's photo exhibit: 'REFLECTIONS'. This art exhibit is not to be missed. Proceeds from art sales will help support St. James Outreach projects.

Cycle of Prayer:

ACC/ The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

ELCIC/ The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod

In the Niagara Diocese: St. George, Lowville, The Reverend Stephen Blackmore, Interim Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

Parish/Patrick and Debra Doran, Helen Dykeman, Lynn Dykeman and Nora Clevenger.



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