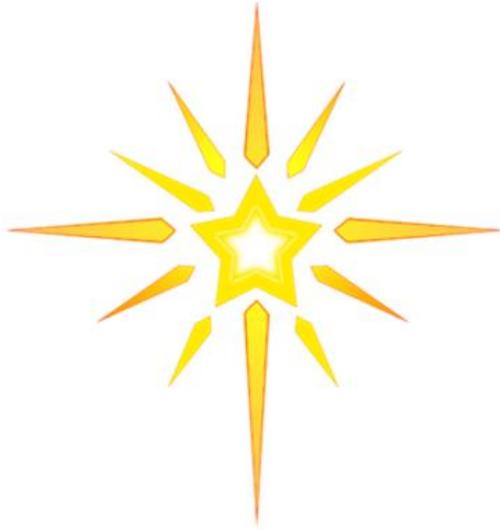




# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



**Sunday 5 February 2023**

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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** *Panis Angelicus*

*Cesar Franck*

**Processional Hymn** – CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**The Gathering of the Community** (*remain standing*)

One: God, you spoke at the beginning of all things  
and said “let there be light”

**All: and there was light!**

One: You called your people time and again to return to your  
light and sent your Son Jesus to be the light of the world,  
drawing all people to be one.

**All: So we gather in his name to seek to live in your light and  
love.**

One: God of all, give us the will to follow your light.  
Open our eyes to see you in our everyday lives.  
Grant us your courage and insight  
to follow where ever our journey takes us.

## Collect

One: Lord God with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

## Proclamation of the Word

**Reading**      *(please be seated)*      *Isaiah 58:1-12*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of

the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** CP 645 Come Down, O Love Divine (v.1,2)

**The Gospel**

*Matthew 5.13-20*

*(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.**

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be

called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

One: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn** CP 645 Come Down, O Love Divine (v. 3,4)

**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 465 Here In This Place

## **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: Empowering God, you established your creation like a watered garden,  
and when your people's hopes lay in ruins you answered  
their call and removed the yoke from around them.  
You guided them continually and satisfied their needs in  
parched places.

In the death and resurrection of Christ  
you repaired the breach between us and you  
and opened the way of peace for all your people.  
And so we gladly thank you with angels and archangels  
and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your  
unending praise.

**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: Eye has not seen nor ear heard, beckoning God,  
what you have prepared for those who love you.  
In Jesus you are the salt that preserves us with you  
forever, and you are the light that transforms the darkness  
of death.

On his last evening with the disciples  
your Son took the broken body and spilt blood of the cross  
and turned them into the glory of resurrection.

Come among us now and turn the brokenness of our lives  
and the spiltness of your world into the wonder of your  
new life.

Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them for us  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus 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.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Inspiring God,  
you instill in us the wisdom of your Son's cross,  
and you send us the Spirit who searches the depths of  
your heart and the depths of ours.

Shape your people in the image of your Son to be repairers of the breach;

send us to be beside those who cry, among any who are afflicted, alongside all whose foundations lie in ruins.

Bless your church that it may bear the marks of its risen and ascended Lord.

Raise up saints to embody your truth in our midst, loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, and let the oppressed go free, until the day when you are all in all, One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **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.**

## *Spiritual Communion*

*For those joining us by online streaming and cannot receive the bread and wine you can make your Spiritual Communion by using this prayer during Communion:*

One: Holy Jesus we receive you in this moment,  
giving you thanks and praise  
that you make yourself present  
to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.  
Transform our hearts that we may shine as your light in  
dark places;  
*Where there is hatred, let us sow love;*  
*Where there is injury, pardon;*  
*Where there is doubt, faith;*  
*Where there is despair, hope;*  
*Where there is darkness, light;*  
*Where there is sadness, joy.*  
And this all, in love for you. Amen.

## *Prayer recommended for use by children:*

One: Lord Jesus, thank you that you are always with me,  
I pray that you would remind me  
to welcome you to share every day with me.  
Thank you for loving me. I want to say that I love you too.

**Communion Hymn** CP 59 Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him

## **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 502 You Are Salt For the Earth

### **Dismissal**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** *Allabreve BWV 589*

*Johann S. Bach*

### **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>Sharon White</i>
<i>Server:</i>	<i>Christine Aiken</i>
<i>Reader:</i>	<i>Mick Stewart</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Brent Bentham, Sue Carson, Bob Breakey, Christine Aiken</i>
<i>Duty Warden:</i>	<i>Terese Herron</i>

### **Cycle of Prayer:**

**ACC/** *The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland*

**ELCIC/** *The dean, council, and congregations of the Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara Areas of the Eastern Synod*

**In the Niagara Diocese:** *In the Niagara Diocese: St. John, Nassagaweya, Campbellville, The Reverend Stephen Blackmore, Interim Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.*

**Parish/***Douglas and Sandra Galbraith, Alexandra Gall*

## **COMING EVENTS**

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

**February 21** – Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday 5-6:30pm - \$12/adult, \$6/child \$30/family. Proceeds will support the accessibility door project.

**February 22** – Ash Wednesday 10am Service with The Imposition of Ashes  
- Ash Wednesday 7pm service Walking the Labyrinth in the Dundas room

**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. Opening reception today 1:30 – 4:00 pm.



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