



St. James
Anglican | Dundas



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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:

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.

Children are welcome here at Saint James! Children can gather in 'The Prayer Ground' at the beginning of the service. 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.

An offering plate is located at the entrance to the church sanctuary. If you wish to make a gratitude offering for the blessings from God in your life, simply place the offering on the plate before the time of the offertory hymn or e-transfer your donation at saintjamesgiving@gmail.com. Your gift will be used to support the varied ministries of St. James. Take a moment to give thanks to God for the blessings in your life today.

The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

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

Prelude: *Intrada*

John Ireland

Welcome & Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

(Please stand as you are able)

One We gather on the territory traditionally inhabited by the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe nations acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon wampum belt.

All **We commit ourselves to the work of truth and reconciliation with the Original Peoples of this land in a relationship of honour and mutual respect.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CP 3 *Morning Has Broken*

The Gathering of the Community

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One Praise to the God of Light and Life,

All **who has given us new life and hope;
who has raised Jesus from the dead.**

One God has claimed us as his own.

All **God has brought us out of darkness,
and made us light to the world.**

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One This is the day that God has made, Alleluia!

All **We will rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia!**

The Collect

The Priest will lead a prayer collecting together our thoughts for the day.

One Shepherd of all,
by laying down your life for your flock
you reveal your love for all.
Lead us from the place of death
to the place of abundant life,
that guided by your care for us,
we may rightly offer our lives
in love for you and our neighbours. **Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading (*Acts 4:5-12*) *Please be seated*

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading (*1John 3:16-24*) *Please be seated*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New*

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the Way. (repeat)**

The Gospel *(John 10:11-18)*

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 Jesus Christ
according to John.

All Glory to you, O Jesus Christ

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

One The Gospel of Christ.

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Homily

The Reverend Canon Peter Davison

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make a sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

One Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life!**

One Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood
into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

One Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life!**

One At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honour and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(standing, sitting or kneeling as is comfortable)

The Peace

One The risen Christ stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you' and they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN CP 429 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayer over the Gifts

One Risen One,
You call us to believe and bear fruit.

All **May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**

through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

One God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to our God.**

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

One: Shepherd God, we praise and thank you
because you gathered your flock around Abraham,
and through Moses and Joshua
you brought your sheep to a place of safety.
In Jesus you came to us as a Passover Lamb
to take away the sins of the world.
As our everlasting Good Shepherd you promise
that those who hear your voice shall never be in want,
for you know your sheep by name,
and you call us your own and give to each of us
a place in the sheepfold of your kingdom,
where angels and archangels and all the company of
heaven, sing your unending praise.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, CP 732**
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest
Blessèd, is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

One: Sustaining God, as you lead your sheep to green pastures
and guide them beside still waters,
so have you led us to this table
where in bread and wine you restore our soul.

Send down your Holy Spirit and restore your church through the abundance of this sacred meal.

As we remember the story of your Son's life laid down for us, sanctify this bread and cup and make them be 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: Saving God,
your rod and staff comfort all who look to you in faith.
Search out your sheep that are lost and bring them home.
When you find them in the valley of fear,
gather them in your arms.
When they face evil in the presence of enemies,
follow them with your goodness and mercy
all the days of their life.
On that day when the shadow of death covers them,
bring them to dwell in your house forever.
Shepherd us with all your saints of every age into your
glorious presence,
where we shall behold your Lamb in seated glory,
most Holy Trinity, now and always. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

One Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us as we sing.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

One The risen Lord is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

One Alleluia! The gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*All are welcome at God's table.
If you require gluten-free wafers please indicate
to your server.*

COMMUNION HYMNS CP 519 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

One Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

All Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

The Blessing

One Alleluia Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 212 Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

One Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Voluntary *Festive Scherzo*

Malcolm Archer

Cycle of Prayer

ACC The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron ELCIC The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod

IN THE NIAGARA DIOCESE/ St. James, Dundas, The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs, Rector; The Reverend Deacon Ann Vander Berg, Deacon; The Reverend Canon Peter Davison, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Carol Overing, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

PARISH/ Linda and Sam Ingraudo, and Lorna Janitz

Today's Ministry Team

Presiding and Preaching	The Rev. Canon Peter Davison
Eucharistic Assistant	Tom Atterton
Server	Mark Mainprize
Readers:	Jed Gardner
	Terese Herron
Organist/Music Director:	Richard Hansen
Greeters:	Barbara Busing
	Jackie Donnelly
Warden on Duty:	Christine Aiken

COMING EVENTS

Arabic bake sale after the service today!

***Save the date: May 10 Women's Dinner.
Details soon!***