



St. James  
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# The Presentation of the Lord

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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.

Children are welcome here at St. 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](mailto: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.



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The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

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

***Prelude** Panis Angelicus*

*Cesar Franck*

**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.**

**OPENING HYMN CP 5** *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

One God of God,  
Light of Light,  
True God of true God

**All We bless you.**

One Object of the Magi's search,  
subject of an old man's song,  
fulfillment of the Baptist's preaching

**All We bless you.**

One Mary's son,  
Joseph's son,  
God's only Son

**All We bless you.**

## **The Collect**

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

One God of love,  
you gave your Son  
to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.

**All With Simeon and Anna  
and all who hail redemption's happy dawn,  
may we sing your praise and proclaim  
salvation in Jesus Christ,  
your Word made flesh. Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading** *Please be seated*

*Malachi 3:1-4*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** *Please be seated*

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN CP 621** *Before the World Began*

## The Gospel

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

One God be with you

**All and also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Luke.

*Luke 2:22-40*

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

One The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

**Homily**

*The Rev. Canon Peter Davison*

## **Prayers of the People**

*(standing, sitting or kneeling as is comfortable)*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the Priest begins.*

One Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

One Trusting that God receives our words  
and the meditations of our hearts,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silent reflection*

One Merciful God,

All **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.  
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment,  
cruelty, or indifference.**

**For when we ignore the needs of our neighbours;  
and resist your call to oppose injustice.  
For the times we give in to scarcity and fear  
and assume the worst about one another.  
Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your loving kindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

One God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name.  
You are mine."  
In Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

One The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**All And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN CP 439** *Blest Are the Pure In Heart*

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

One God of grace,  
your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
**All Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

One God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

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

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

One Storytelling God, you had too much love within your  
Trinity to keep it to yourself,  
and so you made a universe in which to bring forth the  
earth, and an earth in which to raise up a people,  
and a people in which to come among us in your Son,  
that we may know your purpose never to be,  
except to be with us in him forever.  
Through patriarchs and prophets,  
through women of courage and kings,  
through the redemption of failure  
and the transformation of faithlessness  
you embodied your relentless will to abide with us.  
In the death and resurrection of your Son  
and the sending of your Spirit  
you turned your covenant with your people  
into an invitation to all the world.  
And so we thank and praise you with angels and  
archangels, singing your song of glory.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. CP 732  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

One Inscribing God, in Jesus your Word was made flesh.  
In your scriptures that flesh was made word.  
In your church and your kingdom that word is made flesh  
again.



By the power of your Holy Spirit  
bring your scriptural promise to fulfillment  
in your people gathered in your name today.  
By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord  
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."

One Great is the mystery of faith.

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

One Inspiring God, you give us your scriptures  
for teaching, for reproof , for correction,  
for training in righteousness,  
and for building us up in service to you and your world.  
Open your children's hearts  
each time your church opens your Word of life.  
Send your Spirit upon evangelists, teachers, preachers,  
and healers,  
that the wind and fire of Pentecost  
may thrill and transform your people today.  
May your Son's disciples feel their hearts burning within  
them as you speak with them  
and they find their story in your story;  
until the day you draw us into your Book of Life,  
and we are gathered between the covers of your glory,  
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All 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.**

## **Invitation to the Table**

One The joy of Jesus is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN CP 435** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

**Ablutions Anthem** *Song of Simeon*

*Joseph Barney*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*(Standing as we are able)*

One Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.

**All**     **Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**One**     The Spirit of the triune God  
          bless you with joy,  
          anoint you with compassion,  
          and send you in love. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 486** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### **Dismissal**

**One**     Go in peace. Live in hope.

**All**     **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *Now Thank We*

*Johann Pachelbel*

### ***Cycle of Prayer***

**ACC** *The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of  
Canada*

**ELCIC** *The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa,  
Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod*

**MOR** *The people and ministries of Heimtal Moravian Church in  
Leduc County, AB*

**In the Diocese:** *Holy Trinity (Chippawa), Niagara Falls.*

**In the Parish:** *Jackie Donnelly, Patrick and Debra Doran*

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