



St. James
Anglican | Dundas



Ascension Sunday

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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 in the centre aisle of the 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.



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The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

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

***Prelude** Chorale-Prelude on "Light Divine"*

Healey Willan

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 309 *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

Procession of the Colours

The Royal Anthem CP 660

The National Anthem CP 659

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 Precious love,
 your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power.

All **Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom,
 that in the blessed freedom of hope,
 we may witness to the grace of forgiveness
 and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth
 to the One who makes us one body. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading (*Acts 1:1-11*) *Please be seated*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading (*Ephesians 1:15-23*) *Please be seated*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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)**

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The Gospel (*Luke 24:44-53*)

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 Luke.

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

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

One The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

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Homily

The Venerable Jim Sandilands

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

One Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

One In the name of the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

One Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

(water may be poured before or during the Thanksgiving)

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

All make us one as you are one.

One We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

All make us one as you are one.

One We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

All make us one as you are one.

One Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Crucified and Risen One. **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 528 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer over the Gifts

One Risen One,
You have gathered us around your table of grace
Along with these gifts we bring.

**All Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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 God of the living and the dead,
in Abraham you called a people
to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation;
and yet that people were often at war,
and suffered and inflicted great loss and grief.
Your prophets proclaimed a day
when swords would be turned into plowshares.
In the cross of Jesus you took into your own body
the hatred and cruelty and violence of humankind,
and responded with sacrificial forgiveness
and redeeming resurrection.
You showed us a love than which there is no greater,
as your Son laid down his life for his friends.
And so we thank and praise you, with all the company of
heaven, in the eternal song of the angels.

**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**

CP 732

**Blessèd, is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

One God of resurrection,
in Jesus you suffered the horrors of conflict,
in betrayal and brutality and injury and agony.
Together with his friends he shared a meal
that showed us how to remember,
and so to piece together
the hopes and dreams and bodies and loves
broken by violence and death.
Send your Holy Spirit on all who remember in sadness,
that their mourning may be turned to deeper trust in you.
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 the 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 Redeeming and reconciling God,
your love is made manifest when enemies become friends
and woundedness turns to healing.
Bless all who live with the daily grief
of losing a precious person in battle.
Strengthen any who carry injuries in body, mind, or spirit.

Make the nations worthy of the blood shed in their name,
that those who have given much find honour,
any who are brokenhearted find wholeness in you,
and all who work for peace are empowered by your Spirit;
until the day when there is no more war,
and your gentle paths lead us to togetherness in you,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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 HYMN

CP 84 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

Ablutions Anthem: King of All Ages, Throned on High *Paul Isom*

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

One Living One,
 in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

**All Send us now to tell of your wonders,
 sing of your glory,
 and proclaim your risen life
 to a wounded and very weary world. Amen.**

The Blessing

One The triune God,
 who was, who is, and who is to come,
 Sovereign, Saviour and Spirit,
 Light your way with resurrection dawn,
 Now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 247 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Dismissal

One Alleluia Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One Go in peace. In Christ you were made new.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary *Epilogue*

Norman Gilbert

Cycle of Prayer

ACC *The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto*

ELCIC *The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan*

MOR *The Rt. Rev. Paul Graf, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province*

IN THE NIAGARA DIOCESE/ *Church of the Apostles (St. James & St. Matthews) Guelph*

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	Terese Herron
	Judith May
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In honour of the 81st anniversary of the D-Day landing, we are pleased to welcome members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 36, as they troop the colours for us on this important day!