



St. James  
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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](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** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

*Johann S. Bach*

**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 602** *Lift High the Cross*

## **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 God of comfort and compassion,  
through Jesus, your Son, you lead us  
to the water of life and table of your bounty.

All **May we who have received  
the tender love of our Good Shepherd  
be strengthened by your grace  
to care for your flock. Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading (Acts 9:36-43) *Please be seated*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading (Revelation 7:9-17) *Please be seated*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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: 22-30*)

*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**

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

One The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

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beginning with you and starting from today.  
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my promise is true, for I am Christ the Way. (repeat)**

**Homily**

*The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs*

## **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 520 *The King of Love***

#### **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 Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and singing:

**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 Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.



When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

**All      Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

One      At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.  
On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."  
After supper he took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said, "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.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."  
Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All     Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One     Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

**All     Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

One     Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever. **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 85** *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

**Ablutions Anthem:** *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

*William Rowan*

## **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 362** *Tell Out My Soul*

## **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** *Festive Trumpet Tune*

*David German*

**Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Canon Ruth Lillian (Hall) Jefferson, on life's journey with Phil, from Paul Jefferson.

### **Cycle of Prayer**

**ACC** *The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara*

**ELCIC** *Bishop Ali Tote, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod*

**MOR** *The Rt. Rev. Douglas Kleintop, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province*

**IN THE NIAGARA DIOCESE/ St. James, Fergus**

**PARISH/** Allen Nakazzi, Nasurah Nalule, and Ester Namwanje

### **Today's Ministry Team**

Presiding and Preaching	The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs
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Organist/Music Director	Richard Hansen
Greeters	Jan Southall, Barb Busing
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