



St. James  
Anglican | Dundas



## **Season of Creation**

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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.

The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

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

## Prelude

## 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 Come, let us worship God,  
who gifted us with life and with Creation to sustain life.

**All We praise God for the wondrous Creation.**

One Come, let us follow Jesus Christ,  
who inspires us to hope  
and act for justice and righteousness.

**All We give glory to God,  
who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

One Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit,  
striving to establish justice  
and produce the firstfruits of hope.

**All We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all  
Creation.**

One Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all,  
we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

**All Who created in love.**

One We gather in the name of the Redeemer,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

**All Who reconciles all of Creation.**

One We gather in the presence of the Life giver,  
your Holy Spirit,

**All Who inspires new life and instills hope.**

*From the World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the  
Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023*

## **The Collect**

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

One God of unchangeable power,  
when you fashioned the world  
the morning stars sang together  
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;

**All open our eyes to the wonders of creation  
and teach us to use all things for good,  
to the honour of your glorious name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569*

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**Reading** (*Song of Songs 2:8-13*) *Please be seated*

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Reading** (*James 1:17-27*) *Please be seated*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel** *(Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)*

*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 Mark.

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

One The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

*The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs*

## 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 All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God.  
Trusting in God's mercy and grace,  
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

*Silent reflection*

One Generous God,  
**All you created us and placed us here to care for all creation.  
Forgive us for turning away from you  
and for neglecting the earth.  
Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation  
that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us;  
through Christ we pray. Amen.**

One Hear and receive this good news  
to all who long to see and encounter Christ.  
Today, salvation comes to you  
and the land beneath your feet.  
Know that you are forgiven and are free to live in peace  
with one another and with the earth. **Amen.**

*From PWRDF, Season of Creation, 2021*

### The Peace

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN CP 601** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

## Prayer over the Gifts

One Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

*Church of England, 'Times & Seasons:  
Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

## 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 It is right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All Glory to you for ever and ever.**

One At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home;  
by your will they were created and have their being.

**All Glory to you for ever and ever.**

One From the primal elements  
you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;  
you made us the stewards of creation.

**All Glory to you for ever and ever.**



One But we turn against you, and betray your trust;  
and we turn against one another.  
Again and again you call us to return.  
Through the prophets and sages  
you reveal your righteous law.  
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,  
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.  
He was wounded for our transgressions,  
and bruised for our iniquities.  
By his death he opened to us  
the way of freedom and peace.

**All Glory to you for ever and ever.**

One Therefore we praise you,  
joining with the heavenly chorus,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with those in every generation  
who have looked to you in hope,  
to proclaim with them your glory,  
in their unending hymn:

**All O Holy, holy, holy God,  
O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above  
bear witness to your grace,  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,  
creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes  
and bears your name always!**

*Tune: Kingsfold*

One Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread, said the blessing,  
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take this, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup of wine;  
he gave you thanks,  
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.”

**All      Glory to you for ever and ever.**

One      Gracious God,  
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,  
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look with expectation for his coming  
as Lord of all the nations.  
We who have been redeemed by him,  
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,  
now bring you these gifts.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this offering of your Church,  
that we who eat and drink at this holy table  
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**All      Glory to you for ever and ever.**

One      Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth  
and make it your new creation.  
Gather your Church together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
where peace and justice are revealed,  
that we, with all your people,  
of every language, race, and nation,  
may share the banquet you have promised;  
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

**All      Glory to you for ever and 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** Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**All** **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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

## **COMMUNION HYMN CP 73**

*One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*(Standing as we are able)*

**One** Creator God, you set the tree of life at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your church;

**All** Grant that we who have been nourished at this table  
may ever strive to work for the good of all creation  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*From the Anglican Church in South Africa*

## **Blessing**

One God bless you with the grace  
to never sell yourself short.  
God bless you with the courage  
to risk something big for something good.  
God bless you with the wisdom  
to know that the world is now too dangerous  
for anything but the truth  
and too small for anything but love,  
in the name of God our maker,  
Jesus our new covenant,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
who opens eyes and hearts. **Amen!**

*Adapted from a blessing by William Sloane Coffin*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 415** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## **Dismissal**

One Go in peace and be witnesses to hope!

**All** In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*Adapted from "Let All Things Their Creator Bless": Liturgy for Use  
During the Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, Church of England*

## **Voluntary**