



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.

During our worship today please remember:

During this time of pandemic worship, 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. 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 is taped for viewing online.

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

Prelude (see insert for this week's selection)

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 *(We remain standing as we are able. See blue hymn book for words)*

Sept 3	CP 466	How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord
Sept 10	CP 486	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Sept 17	CP 42	Crashing Waters at Creation (Stuttgart)
Sept 24	CP 388	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

The Gathering of the Community

One: We gather in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth
and all creatures!

Greetings in the name of God who is good:

All: **whose love endures forever.**

One: Greetings to you, sun and moon,
you stars of the southern sky.

All: **We give to God our thanks and praise.**

One: Sunrise and sunset, night and day,

All: we give to God our thanks and praise.

(adapted from Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

The Collect of the Day

One: God of life,

through whom all beauty and wonder come into being,
we thank you for this Earth, our home,
for the diversity of creation,
and the blessings of earth, air and water.

All: Grant us your grace

**that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth,
tread lightly upon it
and cherish its resources.**

One: Help us to move towards behaviors that are healthy,
to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics
and our wasteful practices,
to act now for the good of future generations
and all of life.

All: Give us the will and courage

**to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change for the better.**

One: As climate change confronts us
may we commit to the changes that need to be made.

**All: Help us to be instruments of a new creation,
founded on the covenant of your love.**

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen

~ adapted from Climate Justice Niagara

Proclamation of the Word *(please be seated)*

Reading *(see end of bulletin for readings)*

Sept 3

Exodus 3:1-15

Sept 10	Exodus 12:1-14
Sept 17	Exodus 14:19-31
Sept 24	Exodus 16:2-15

At conclusion of the reading:

One: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading *(see end of bulletin for readings)*

Sept 3	Romans 12:9-12
Sept 10	Romans 13:8-14
Sept 17	Romans 14:1-12
Sept 24	Philippians 1:21-30

At conclusion of the reading:

One: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Sept 3	CP 450	You Call Us, Lord, to Be
Sept 10	CP 494	Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels
Sept 17	CP 497	Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round
Sept 24		Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness <i>(see insert for words)</i>

The Gospel *(see insert for readings)*

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

Sept 3	Matthew 16:21-28
Sept 10	Matthew 18:15-20
Sept 17	Matthew 18:21-35
Sept 24	Matthew 20:1-16

At conclusion of the reading:

One: The Gospel of the Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Homily

New Zealand Creed

**You, O God, are supreme and holy,
you create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Prayers of the People

Confession: Stewardship of Creation

One: Holy God, Creator and Lover of all that is,

All: **we confess to you that we have sinned.**

**We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures,
we have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful
of the resources you entrusted to us.**

**Polluted air and water,
eroded soil and salty earth,
birds and animals deprived of habitat,
and neighbours left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness:
all these cry out against us.**

**We do not know how to restore what we have damaged,
and we repent in sorrow and distress.**

Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy.

**Give us grace to change our ways,
to make amends,**

**and to work together for the healing of the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution: Restoration of Creation

One: Our Saviour died and rose again
so that for all who live in him
there is a new creation.

Therefore it is declared to us:
our sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

All: **Send out your Spirit, O God.
Renew the hearts of your people.
Renew the face of the earth.**

Sharing of the Peace

One: If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation.
We see God around us. We see God within us.
We give thanks to our Creator God.
Let us show the caring nature God has instilled within us
by greeting each other with a sign of God's peace, love,
forgiveness and grace.

The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to care and share peace with your neighbor, and the creatures who share this common home. (adapted from Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People, Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA)

Offertory Hymn

Sept 3	CP 414	God of the Sparrow
Sept 10	CP 309	Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet
Sept 17		Water Flowing From the Mountains <i>(see insert for words)</i>
Sept 24	CP 401	My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Prayer over the Gifts

One: Generous God,
In this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

One: In the breaking of this bread

All: reveal to us the Risen One.

One: In the pouring of this wine

**All: pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: Blessed are you, O God, our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels,
and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All: O holy, holy, holy God,

Kingsfold

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!**

One: How wonderful the work of your hands, O God.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer (Aotearoa/New Zealand):

**All: Eternal Spirit,
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

**One: Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.**

One: Alleluia! The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

All are welcome at God's table.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Communion Hymn

Sept 3	CP 61	As We Gather
Sept 10	CP 84	Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour
Sept 17	CP 553	Ubi Caritas et Amor
Sept 24	CP 72	Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

One: God of all creation,

**All: we have received bread and wine,
fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation.
With joy we celebrate your goodness
and commit ourselves to serve you on this sacred earth,
through Jesus Christ our rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

Blessing

One: God bless us with wonder at creation's glory.
God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling.
God bless us with courage at this critical hour.
In the name of the Creator and the Redeemer and the
Sustainer. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Sept 3		O God, Who Called Your People (Tune: Thornbury CP 444)
Sept 10	CP 425	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Sept 17	CP 403	Let All Things Now Living
Sept 24	CP 575	Let Streams of Living Justice

Dismissal

One: God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
send us out to reflect God's glory in creation.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

(adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme)

September 24, 2023.

Prelude: Intrada

First Reading

Pentecost 17

John Ireland

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.” ’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.” ’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is

right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”
So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Voluntary: Alla Marcia

Ireland

Cycle of Prayer

ACC/ ELCIC The Bishop, clergy, and people of The Territory of the People. Every child matters and remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school. For survivors and their families. For truth, healing and reconciliation.

In the Niagara Diocese: Grace Church, Arthur; the Reverend Kevin Cull, Interim Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

Parish/ David and Marnie Strauch, Christopher and Jacquelyn, Philippa and Helen Swartz

Today's flowers on the altar:



(right) are given in loving of Erika Busing, who loved to sit and enjoy any and all gardens (Sept. 24, 1912 – Jan. 12, 2010) from her daughter, Barbara Busing.

(left) are given in loving memory of Simon Ash, from his mother, Maureen Ash.

Today's Ministry Team

Preaching and Presiding	The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs
Eucharistic Assistant	Lynn Dykeman
Server	Mark Mainprize
Readers	Brent Bentham Mick Stewart
Organist/Choir Director	Richard Hansen
Greeters	Irene Schmidt Bernie Schmidt
Warden on Duty	Janet Cannon

COMING EVENTS

Sept 1 – Oct 4	Season of Creation
September 30	Dundas Studio Tour
September 30	TRC (Truth & Reconciliation Day)
October 1	Sundae Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks
October 4	Pet Blessing on Front Lawn - 4:00 p.m.
October 15	Steve Bell Concert
October 25	Revive 7pm in the Parlour
October 28	Trivia Night

MONDAY AFTERNOON GAMES - will begin again on, Oct. 2nd 1.30-4pm, in the Parlour. Everyone is invited to participate, ladies or gentlemen. Any questions, please ask Jill Regoeczi.

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