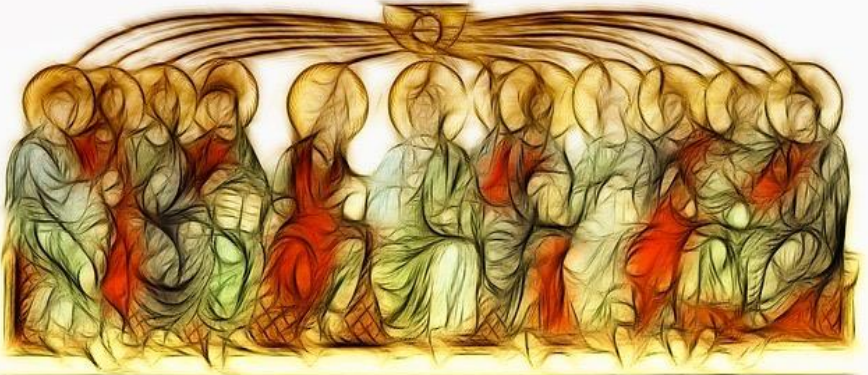




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Welcome to this time of worship!

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:

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 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.

The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

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

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 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*
(Tune: Ebenezer) see insert for words

The Gathering of the Community

One Like the wind that stirred the waters of creation

All **God is moving in the world.**

One Like the holy fire burning in the desert

All **God is living in the world.**

One Like the parting of the waters of the Red Sea

All **God is acting in the world.**

One Like the song welling up from King David

All **God is singing in the world.**

One Like the angel filling Mary's body with light

All **God is loving in the world.**

One Like the healing from the hands of the Saviour

All **God is mending life in the world.**

One Like the voice of the teacher in the crowds' ears

All **God is speaking in the world.**

One Like the last choking breath of a man on a cross

All **God is dying for the world.**

One Like the silence that covers the tomb in the garden

All God is waiting for the world.

One Like the power that raised Christ from the dead

All God is rising in the world.

One Like the breath of Christ on the disciples

All God is breathing on the world.

One Like the fire that falls on the Day of Pentecost

All God is giving life to the world!

The Collect

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

One Creator Spirit and Giver of life,

make the dry, bleached bones of our lives

live and breathe and grow again

as you did of old.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation.

Come in rushing wind and flashing fire

to turn the sin and sorrow within us

into faith, power, and delight.

All this we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading (*Ezekiel 37:1-14*) *Please be seated*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded;

and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading (*Acts 2:1-21*) *Please be seated*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking

about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN CP 647 *Spirit of the Living God*

The Gospel (*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*)

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

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

One The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

GRADUAL HYMN CP 647 *Spirit of the Living God*

Homily

The Reverend Canon Peter Davison

Prayers of the People

(standing, sitting or kneeling as is comfortable)

Prayer of Confession (Acts 2) and Absolution

One Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives.

All **Forgive us when we've grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines, when we're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths,**

**wake us up,
shake us up,
heat us up,
and breathe your life into us.
Walk with us, O God,
and give us the courage to follow the way
that is lit by the fire of your Spirit.
On this Day of Pentecost,
we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change.**

One Forgive God,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our
sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep
us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN *CP 656 She Comes Sailing on the Wind*

Prayer over the Gifts

One Giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world through the hearts
of all who believe. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ. **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 God of surprises,
your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation
and lived among your chosen people
in wilderness, exile and promised land.
Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus'
conception and came upon him like a dove at his baptism.
When Christ died on the cross your power raised him from
the tomb on the third day and that same evening he
breathed your forgiving grace on those who had deserted
him. On the day of Pentecost you sent your Spirit upon the
fearful disciples, filling them with fire, with power, with
wonder and joy, and making them your church.
And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels
And all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your
unending praise.

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

One God of comfort and strength,
we look to your Holy Spirit
to be with us in sorrow and in contentment,
in crisis and in abiding stillness.
Come among us now through the power of your Spirit,
that we may be transformed into your image,
and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us
the body and blood of your Son 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.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

One God of dreams and prophecy,
send down upon us your gifts of wisdom,
knowledge, and faith;
of healing, discernment, and interpretation,
that we may be built up in the likeness of your Son.
Let all who are hungry find in you the bread of life,
and all who are thirsty find in you rivers of living water.
Speak your word to those who are alone and in fear or
despair, and let each one of your children hear your voice
in their own language,
whether that language be art or science,
work or play, music or silence.
Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may
breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew,
that we may love what you love,
and do what you would do.
This we ask through Jesus Christ,
by him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Spirit,
ever one God. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

One Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us as we
pray in our many languages the prayer that makes us one
in you:

**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 635 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Ablutions Anthem *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me*

Arr. K. Lee Scott

Prayer after Communion

(Standing as we are able)

One Living God,
may we who have received this eucharist
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer.
Amen.

Blessing

One The God of life,
 who speaks,
 who is incarnate,
 who breathes upon you,
 fill you with his presence,
 and open your hearts to the blessing
 and fullness of life;
 and the blessing of God,
 Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
 be with you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 235 *O Glorious Day*

DISMISSAL

One Go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Voluntary *Finale Jubilante*

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Cycle of Prayer

ACC/ The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa TOGETHER Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and for peace in the Middle East

IN THE NIAGARA DIOCESE St. Michael, Hamilton, The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell, Interim Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.
PARISH/ Mark Mainprize, Jean Mather and Judith May