



**St. James**  
Anglican | Dundas



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter** **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

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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** Voluntary in e minor, Op. 7, No. 7      John Stanley*

## 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 323** *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

### **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** Mighty God,  
in whom we know the power of redemption,  
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.

**All** As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,  
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning  
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,

**we will share in his resurrection,  
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life  
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading** (*Acts 11:1-18*) *Please be seated*

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading** (*Revelation 21:1-6*) *Please be seated*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 13: 31-35*)

*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 he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify

him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

One The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

**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)**

**Homily**

*The Reverend Canon Peter Davison*

## **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 550** *Light's Abode, Celestial Salem*

### **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,  
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 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 50** *Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling*

### **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 486** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## 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** *'Little' Prelude and Fugue in F major BWV 566*

*Johann S. Bach*

## Cycle of Prayer

**ACC** *The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario*

**ELCIC** *The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod*

**MOR** *The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province*

**IN THE NIAGARA DIOCESE/** *All Saints Lutheran Guelph*

**PARISH/** *Juliet Nanengo, Dorcas Nanyunja, and Susan and John Nelson*

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