



**St. James**  
Anglican | Dundas



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## **Welcome to this time of worship**

*We gather as a community online, joined by the Spirit of God with one another as we hear scripture, sing praise, respond in prayer and celebrate and receive God's sacraments.*

*As you prepare to worship, in your space, make yourself comfortable and attentive to God's presence. Be still and quiet if your space allows. You may want to light a candle as a symbol that you are setting aside this time to join with your community of faith and receive the presence of Christ.*

### **Opening Hymn: (CP615)**

Just as I am - without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
-O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am - poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
-O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am - though toss'd about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
-O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am - and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
-O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am - Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
-O Lamb of God, I come!

### **THE GATHERING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you

**All: And also with you.**

### **Introduction**

Friends in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the church, the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

### **Collect**

One: Eternal God,  
you reject nothing which you have made and forgive everyone who turns to you. Create and make in us new and gentle hearts, that we may always be mindful of our brokenness, and open to receive from you forgiveness, healing, grace and love, through Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58.1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,

they delight to draw near to God.

'Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

We sing together:

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

One: God be with you,  
**All: and also with you.**

One: Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to:  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your

fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.  
'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

One: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the reading we sing together:

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

**Homily**            The Reverend Mike Deed

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

One: God the Father,

**All have mercy upon us.**

One: God the Son,

**All have mercy upon us.**

One: God the Holy Spirit,

**All have mercy upon us.**

One: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,  
*All* **have mercy upon us.**

One: From all evil and mischief;  
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice;  
and from all evil intent,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

One: From sloth, worldliness and love of money;  
from hardness of heart  
and contempt for your word and your laws,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

One: From sins of body and mind;  
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

One: In all times of sorrow;  
in all times of joy;  
in the hour of death,  
and at the day of judgement,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

One: By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

One: By your agony and trial;  
by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

One: By your mighty resurrection;  
by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
*All* **good Lord, deliver us.**

One: Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance  
and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.  
*All* **Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*Silence is kept.*

One: Make our hearts clean, O God;  
*All* **and renew a right spirit within us.  
Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen**

### **The Invitation**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,  
these ashes are a sign of penitence and humility:  
they remind us that we are to die to sin and be born again  
as a new creation. As we begin the journey of Lent, I invite  
you to receive in your own hearts, this mark of pilgrimage,  
and commit yourself afresh to the journey of faith, looking  
always to Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Blessing of the Ashes**

Priest: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created  
us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and  
penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift  
are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Reception of the Ashes**

One: We few who are gathered, receive these ashes on behalf  
of our community of faith; mindful of all God's pilgrim  
people, walking the way of Lent,  
seeking the footsteps of Christ.

*The ashes are imposed upon those present without the use of  
words. Following the imposition those gathered say:*

Priest: Remembering that we are dust and to dust we shall  
return:

**All: we receive these ashes, on behalf of God's Church, who cannot gather in this place, marking in our bodies, our minds and our hearts, sorrow for our sins, faithfulness to Christ, and joy as we look with longing, to the Resurrection. Amen.**

### **Conclusion**

Priest: The Lord look upon us with mercy, grant us forgiveness, strength for the journey, and grace to rely upon him in all our need, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All: Amen**

### **The Peace**

One: Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN (CP610)**

Before I take the body of my Lord,  
before I share his life in bread and wine,  
I recognise the sorry things within:  
these I lay down.

The words of hope I often failed to give,  
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,  
The signs of care I argued out of sight:  
these I lay down.

The narrowness of vision and of mind,  
the need for other folk to serve my will,  
and every word and silence meant to hurt:  
these I lay down.

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,  
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine  
that every contradiction of Christ's peace  
might be laid down

Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,  
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands  
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine  
which you lay down.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

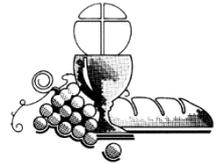
Prayer over the Gifts

One: God of reconciliation,  
turn us from selfishness to faithfulness.  
Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate  
the death and resurrection of our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Holy One is here.

**All: We are gathered in God's presence.**



One: We bring our hopes and dreams,

**All: so that they might be transformed to reflect the hopes  
and dreams of our Creator.**

One: Let us offer our lives to the Source of all life,

**All: so that through our living, God's new creation,  
will touch our time.**

One: Liberating God, you have created all things in love,  
and purposed them for good.

**All: You made human kind in your image,  
and placed us in a garden of peace and abundance.  
You made us to live free and in harmony with all  
creation.**

One: Yet we have forgotten that purpose,  
and we have dishonored your image.

**All: Abusing the gifts of creation,  
stripping humans of their dignity and equality.  
We have forgone faith for profit, making ourselves our  
first  
priority, blind to the needs and desperation of others.**

One: Through your prophets you have called us,

**All: to turn from selfish idols and fruitless religiosity,  
to lay aside power and self-interest, to do justice ,  
to love mercy and to walk humbly with you.**

One: Even when the darkness of injustice threatened to  
overwhelm us, you did not desert us or give up hope.

**All: But came among us, in the person of Jesus,  
the light that shines and cannot be overcome.**

One: His living challenged hatred and exclusion.

His ministry brought healing and freedom.

His presence protested unfair law and assumed privilege.

His touch restored the outcast to the fullness of life.

His teaching raised up the poor and the meek and  
challenged the privileged. His anger brought conflict, with  
all who used God for personal power. His prayer was for  
your will to be done.

His death was the most perfect sacrifice, in communion  
with all who suffer and are crucified by inhumansystems,

of power and self-gain. His resurrection revealed your new creation born among us, in spite of the chains that daily ensnare us. As he faced down the injustice of this world, Jesus summoned those who followed him to gather at a table. There they shared food, as a sign of God's liberation and in celebration of God's provision and abundance.

Jesus took bread and gave you thanks, He broke it and shared it among all who were there, saying; "Take, eat. This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me"

After supper was over, Jesus took a cup of wine. Again, he gave you thanks and shared it among his friends saying; "Take this all of you and drink it. This is my blood which is shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me"

One: Spirit of God, fall upon us, and this bread and wine,

**All: that we may be fed and anointed to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom to the captives, and the promise of life, for all people.**

One: As it was in the beginning, was lived in the person of Jesus, is now in the moving of your Spirit. And will be in the dawn of your New Creation.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

One: As our saviour taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

## Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Priest: Dear friends,  
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ,  
in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people,  
unseen and yet present with us now.  
Many are made one.

Priest: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,  
**All: we welcome your presence in us,  
and together proclaim our love for you;  
with our hearts, minds,  
our souls and our strength,  
with the saints we worship you,  
with the angels we adore you,  
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.  
Come to us, though many,  
and make us one in you. Amen.**

## **Music or a Hymn**

*A hymn or piece of music is offered as we receive communion.*

## **Communion**

*We receive communion spiritually in the silence of our own hearts and minds. One or more of the following prayers may be said....*

**One:** I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
present in bread and wine, and present in your people,  
who are gathered in spirit.  
In this moment I join with them to receive you in my  
heart, and in our community.  
May you, enthroned on the altar,  
be now enthroned in my heart,  
may you, present in bread and wine,  
feed and renew my soul,  
may you, who gives yourself to us again,  
fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing.  
Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your  
reign of justice and peace increase,  
that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your  
kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

*Or*

**One:** Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart  
your dwelling place and home.  
I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and  
strength, and so, through your presence in bread and  
wine I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my  
God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all  
your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and  
thanksgiving, I may serve you in the world you love.  
Amen.

*Or*

**One:** Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine.  
I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.  
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,

come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you and unite myself to you;  
Never let me be separated from you.<sup>1</sup>

**One:** Holy Jesus we receive you in this moment, giving you thanks and praise that you make yourself present to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Transform our hearts that we may shine as your light in dark places;  
*Where there is hatred, let us sow love;*  
*Where there is injury, pardon;*  
*Where there is doubt, faith;*  
*Where there is despair, hope;*  
*Where there is darkness, light;*  
*Where there is sadness, joy.*  
And this all, in love for you. Amen.

*Or*

**One:** O Loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even while separated from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.**

**Jesus, as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so may the soul of your servant be healed, for though I cannot receive you in the sacrament I can, through this offering of my prayer, receive you in my heart; grant this for Christ's sake. Amen. <sup>2</sup>**

*Prayers recommended for use by children:*

**One: Holy Jesus, thank you for loving us,  
and thank you for the holy bread and wine that reminds  
us**

**that you are always with us.  
Come and live in our hearts,  
so we may know your love,  
and love others too. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Jesus, you remind us in bread and wine  
that you are near to us.  
Bring me nearer to you every day,  
and let me carry you in my heart,  
to share your love with the world you made. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Lord Jesus, thank you that you are always with me,  
I pray that you would remind me  
to welcome you to share every day with me.  
Thank you for loving me.  
I want to say that I love you too.**

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from a service of Spiritual Communion, Diocese of Chelmsford, Church of England

*Or*

**One:** Jesus, I want to follow you:  
to see you more clearly;  
love you more dearly;  
and follow you more nearly.  
So come into my heart,  
so that we may share life together. Amen

### **Prayer after Communion**

**One:** Father of all,

**All:** we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off,  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who receive Christ's presence,  
live his risen life and bring life to others,  
and may we whom the Spirit lights give light to  
the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>3</sup>

### **The Blessing**

#### **The Dismissal**

**One:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from Common Worship, Church of England, Holy Communion Order One.

**Hymn: (CP170)**

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise,  
for Christ, through whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law,  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might,  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.

Postlude