



**St. James**  
Anglican | Dundas

**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**  
**The Season of Thankfulness**



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**TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Saint James Church acknowledges that the land upon which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory. Committing ourselves to truth and the work of reconciliation, we seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

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

Thank you for joining us today. As we continue to observe caution during ongoing public health concerns, worship may look and feel different than we were used to. The changes are in place to help us create a safe environment where the people of God can still worship together and receive Christ in word and sacrament.

### During our worship today please remember:

- Please sit at least three chairs from those not in your 'bubble'. If you are first in a row, please sit at the end of the row.
- Please do not move from your seat unless you need to use the washroom. The washroom at the back of the Narthex is available and we ask you to wipe down high contact areas after you use it.
- Please keep your belongings with you at all times.
- Children need to stay in their seats with their family.
- At communion we will receive bread alone and it will be brought to you in your seat by the priest or Eucharistic Assistant. Please receive the bread and wait for the priest to move on before removing your mask to consume. If you are uncomfortable receiving the bread at this time, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you.
- At the end of the service please leave the building directly, remembering to keep distancing.

**Prelude:**

*Toccata on 'Praise to the Lord'*

*Gustav Micheelson*

**OPENING HYMN: *Common Praise 399***

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word,  
who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever-faithful God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**Welcome and Announcements****The Lighting of the Candle of Hope**

**The Gathering** *Please stand as you are able*

One: In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

One: Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**The Territorial Acknowledgement is read.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

One: God so loved the world  
That he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
To save us from our sins,  
To be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal  
life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
And to live in love and peace with all.

One: Most merciful God,

**All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
We confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been.  
Help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly.  
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

One: Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Collect**

One: God of heaven and earth,  
we sing of your bounty and your goodness in the abundant  
harvest,  
in the changing seasons, and in the wonder of nature.  
With generous hearts,  
may we share what we have received with those  
who have little,  
so that none may hunger or thirst and all may know your  
wide justice;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Proclamation of the Word**

*Please it for the reading*

**A READING:** (Joel 2.21-27)

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name

of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel** *(Matthew 6.25-33)*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Cantor:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

One: God be with you

**All: and also with you**

One: Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Matthew

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

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the

kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

One: The Gospel of Christ

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

**Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Sermon *please be seated***

*(A talk reflecting on the readings we have just heard)*

**The Prayers of the People *Please stand as you are able***

*The response to the prayers is...*

One: God of love,

**All: Hear our prayer**

**The Peace *(please stand as you are able and comfortable)***

One: in peace with God and all her creation we offer peace from our hearts to all people.

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you

**All: And also with you**

**OFFERTORY HYMN *Common Praise 403***

***The congregation may sit as the gifts are prepared***

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.

Love's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

God's law still enforces, the stars in their courses  
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*Please stand as you are able for the Prayer over the Gifts and the Great Thanksgiving*

*The prayer over the gifts:*

One: Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you  
and of your own do we give you.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving:**

One: God 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 Living God.

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

One: We lift our hearts to you with thanks and praise, Almighty God,

for nothing is impossible with you.

You brought the universe to life

And called a people to be your own.

In Jesus you came and laid bare your purpose

For us and all creation.

In him you parted with all your possessions,

And came close to the poor, and lived humbly with us.

He is our great high priest who has passed through the heavens;



He sympathizes with our weaknesses  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin.  
Because of his dying and rising  
We approach your throne with boldness,  
That we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.  
And so with the whole host of heaven, we join in singing  
your eternal song.

**Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Reconciling God, in baptism you ask us  
to let go of family, friends, and all security;  
but from you we receive back a hundredfold  
in brothers and sisters, mothers and children,  
and, in the age to come, eternal life.  
As your church offers this food to you,  
give us back your glory, your wisdom, and your power,  
that we may be your Son's body in the world.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be for us the body and the blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples,  
took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them 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.

**Cantor: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Living and active God, your Word divides soul from spirit,  
joint from marrow.  
Speak your truth into the lives  
of all who plead for your saving power today.  
Hear the cries of those whose complaint is bitter;  
comfort any whose voices are weighed down with  
groaning;  
bless your children when they wish they could vanish  
and when they long for thick darkness to cover them.  
When our salvation seems as impossible  
as a camel passing through the eye of a needle,  
come among us with the joy and power of your Son's  
resurrection,  
and astound us with your grace,  
until that day when every eye shall see you  
and every tongue shall tell  
how great is your mercy and how wondrous your glory,  
Holy Trinity of love.

**Cantor: Amen, amen, amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

One: As Christ taught us, we pray together;

**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 and 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 forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

One: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

One: This is the table of the Lord  
ready for those who love God  
And those who want to love God more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have  
little,  
you who have been here often and you who have never  
been before, you who have tried to follow Jesus and you  
who have failed.  
Come, because it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

One: The gifts of God for the people of God,

**All: Thanks be to God**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Common Praise 48*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to us approacheth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-wingèd seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!"

## Receiving Communion

*During Communion the priest and Eucharistic Assistant will move between the rows to distribute the bread. Please put your hands out to receive, wait until they have passed by, then remove your mask and consume the bread. If you do not wish to receive the bread at this time, there is a prayer here you can say.*

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.

### *Prayers recommended for use by children:*

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.

## **Prayer after Communion** *Please stand as you are able*

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>1</sup>**

## **Doxology**

**All: Glory to God, whose power working in us can do  
infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,  
Glory to God from generation to generation  
in the church and in Christ Jesus,  
Forever and ever, Amen!**

## **The Blessing**

One: May the Creator watch over you,  
May the Spirit guide and lead you.  
May Jesus be present in all that you do.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be with you, within you and surrounding you and those  
you love, this day and always. **Amen.**<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Common Worship, Church of England, Holy Communion Order One.

<sup>2</sup> Source: The Rev'd Mark Loyal

## **Dismissal**

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

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **HYMN** *Common Praise 425*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

### **Voluntary:**

*Choral Improvisation on 'Now Thank We all our God'*

*Sigfried Karg-Elert*

*We would like to express our gratitude to Alix Kingston, who was our Cantor this morning, and graced us with her lovely voice.*

## ***Today's Worship Leaders***

*Preaching and Presiding:*

*The Very Rev. Dean Peter Wall*

*Music Director*    *Richard Hansen*

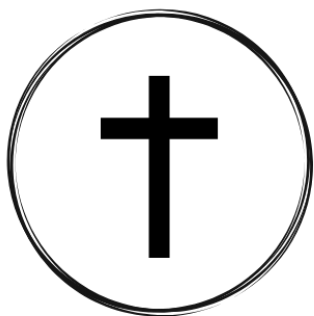
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*Cantor:*            *Alix Kingston*

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