



**St. James**  
Anglican | Dundas



# **Easter Sunday**

**April 20, 2025**

## **The Celebration of Christ's Resurrection**

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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:** *Prelude: Intermezzo*

*Trumpet Tune*

*Bert Vander Hoek*

**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** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Hallelujah!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!  
unto Christ our heavenly king, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**

**But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured, hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's king, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**

**Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
Praise the Son, and Holy Ghost! Hallelujah!**

## **The Gathering of the Community**

**One** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**All** Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**One** The bread of life has broken the power of death!  
Let no one go hungry again!

**All** Alleluia! Jesus is alive! Let all creation rejoice!

- One Christ is risen, conquering hate and violence!  
Let the people of God find wholeness and healing.
- All Alleluia! Let restoration begin! The kin-dom of God is at hand!**
- One Let us join in the eternal feast, where hope overflows  
and the despair of this life is vanquished by love.
- All The bread of life is risen and alive. Let us worship the one who leads us now in compassion and justice!**

## **The Collect**

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

- One God of new life,  
you have shown us that through the resurrection,  
no force of destruction, despair, or death  
can overcome your power to redeem and renew.  
Teach us to approach the problems of this world  
not with cynicism or despondency,  
but with hope rooted in your promise to make all things  
new.
- All May we bring resurrection courage to broken systems,  
resurrection love to fractured relationships,  
and resurrection vision to a hurting creation.**
- Empower us to trust in your endless possibilities  
and work boldly as bringers of your transformation.  
Where others see only hopelessness,  
let us share the abundance of the bread of life.  
Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **Reading**

*Acts 10:34-43*

*A reading from the Book of Acts:*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**All        Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN CP 235** *Myrrh-Bearing Mary*

### **The Gospel**

*John 20.1-18*

*The Gospel will be read in Ugandan and English*

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Christ.

**Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

*The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs*

***Musical Reflection*** *Adagio from Sonata No.3 for violin and piano*  
*Georg Friedrich Händel*  
*performed by Michael Schulte and Abigail Richardson-Schulte*

## **Affirmation of Faith *(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**

*(standing, sitting or kneeling as is comfortable)*

**All      Alleluia! Let creation be healed by the Bread of Life.**

## **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 230 *The Tomb Is Empty, Come & See***

## Prayer over the Gifts

One Holy God, we bring to you our gifts and offerings this day.  
May our generosity flow from the joy of knowing  
that the Bread of Life has come to heal us and restore us  
to wholeness.

**All Use our gifts to nourish the community and satisfy the  
hunger of 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 Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God,  
for you are the Lord of creation and new creation,  
of covenant and new covenant.  
You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the  
promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth  
of death to the glory of resurrection life.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with your people on earth 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.  
Heav'n 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 Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God,  
in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every  
hope in you.

Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that your children may be blessed with power and grace,  
and that this bread and cup 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 Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God,  
for you have rolled away the stone of despair,  
the stone of oppression, the stone of lament,  
the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin,  
the stone of fear.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace,  
breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life,  
that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger,  
and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread  
and be lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen body;  
make our scars beautiful like your scars,  
make our lives life-giving like your life,  
and make our communion holy with your saints,  
until you come again in glory  
and we eat with you in your kingdom,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **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.**

## **Invitation to the Table**

One Come to the table of the risen Christ, the bread of life,  
where bread once broken now feeds the multitudes,  
where the cup once poured out now overflows with hope.  
Here, no one is forgotten, no one is excluded,  
and no hunger goes unsatisfied.  
Bring your doubts, your hopes, and your dreams.  
This feast is for you.

Jesus, who dined with his friends and fed the hungry,  
invites us now to share this sacred meal.  
Come, taste, and see the goodness of God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome at God's table.  
If you require gluten-free wafers please indicate  
to your server.*

## COMMUNION HYMN CP 405 Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Ablutions Anthem** *He Is Risen*

*Henry Clark*

*Soprano Soloist: Ella McIntosh*

### Prayer after Communion

*(Please stand as you are able)*

One Loving and faithful God,  
we thank you for this sacred meal,  
which has fed us and filled us with the hope of  
resurrection. Alleluia!

All **As we leave this table,  
may we carry the bread of life into the world,  
bringing comfort to the hurting, food to the hungry,  
and hope to the hopeless.  
Strengthen us to serve as your faithful disciples,  
proclaiming justice, mercy, and peace  
to every soul we encounter. Amen.**

### The Blessing

One The God of new beginnings fill you with joy.  
The Risen Christ accompany you with peace.  
The Spirit of resurrection empower you with courage.

All **Alleluia! Amen!**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 205 *The Day of Resurrection*

### Dismissal

One Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

One Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

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

**Voluntary** *Largo*

*Händel*

*Performed by Michael Schulte and Abigail Richardson-Schulte*

## ***Today's Ministry Team***

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Greeters:

Warden on Duty:

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The Rev. Deacon Ann Vander Berg

Tom Atterton

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Richard Hansen

Gillian Hendry

Maureen Ash

Barry Shimmons



will follow immediately  
after the service in the  
Sanctuary and  
Narthex!

## **Easter Dawn**

He blesses every love that weeps and grieves  
And now he blesses hers that stood and wept  
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's  
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept  
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs  
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,  
Or recognize the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question, 'Why,  
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light  
That brightens as she chokes out her reply  
'They took my love away, my day is night.'  
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say  
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

*~ from 'Sounding the Seasons' by Malcolm Guite*