



St. James  
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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **April 6 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**   Matins*

*Healey Willan*

**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.**

## **OPENING HYMN CP 177 *A Spendthrift Lover Is The Lord***

### **The Gathering of the Community**

One We gather together, hungry and thirsty.  
Come, all who long to be filled with good things.

**All The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.**

One We open our hands to receive from God's son,  
our brother and friend.

**All The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.**

One We quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be  
transformed by God's Spirit, who redeems us.

**All The bread of life has come to sustain us.  
Believing this promise, let us worship together! Amen.**

### **The Collect**

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

One Creator God,  
you prepare a new way in the wilderness  
and your grace waters the desert.

**All Help us to recognize your hand  
working miracles beyond our imagining.  
Open our hearts to be transformed  
by the new thing you are doing,  
so that our lives may proclaim  
the extravagance of your love for all,  
and its presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

**Reading**     *Please be seated*

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

One     Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All**     **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading**     *Please be seated*

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.  
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN CP 463** *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*

### **The Gospel**

*John 12:1-8*

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

One God be with you

All **and also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

One The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **Homily**

*The Reverend Canon Peter Davison*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**All      We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life.**

**Born to live among us,  
suffering every human frailty, even unto death.  
Empowered not to rule with force but by invitation;  
not with a sword, but by sacrifice.  
Filled with compassion,  
always caring about the physical needs of the people.  
Rejecting earthly fortune, meeting daily needs,  
turning no one away.  
Jesus turned bread lines into feasts,  
welcoming everyone to the table.  
Jesus gave freely to all in need,  
even when they gave nothing in return.  
We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

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

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the Priest begins.*

**One      In the midst of all the pushing and shoving among us,  
in the world and in the church,  
propelled by anxiety and acted as brutality,  
You, O God, have planted yourself in all your fidelity.**

**You have placed yourself among us  
in steadfastness and abiding care  
present in the day, alert in the night,  
making us safe, and noticed, and cared for.**

**All      We confess that we don't always see or seek you out.  
We forget your promise of abiding love,  
and wholeness of life.**

**Forgive us O God, and help us remember...  
that if we fail to see or seek you out,  
you see and seek us out,  
that you promise us abiding love, and wholeness of life.**

**So evidence your fidelity as to curb our anxiety,  
as to restrain our brutality,  
as to overcome our alienation.**

**By your fidelity, renew us, renew the church,  
renew the city, renew the world.**

**Give us the safety to love you fully,  
to love neighbour well,  
to be made whole, in glad obedience.**

One God proclaims these words of assurance:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine.”  
In +Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Walter Brueggemann ‘Awed to Heaven,  
Rooted in Earth’. p. 118*

## **The Peace**

One The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN CP 179** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*  
(v.1-4, 6f)

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

One Generous God,  
we give because you have satisfied our needs with the  
bread of life.  
Use these fruits of our labour and inheritance  
to bless our community with love. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

One God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up to God.**

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

One Extravagant God,  
you poured out your life in your covenant with your  
chosen people, and you poured out your life-blood  
in the ministry and death of your Son Jesus Christ.  
You meet our meanness with your grace,  
our scarcity with your abundance,  
and our suspicion with your generous trust.  
And so we give you thanks, with angels and archangels  
and all the company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

(CP 722)

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

One Sharing God,  
in Jesus you attended a meal to celebrate Lazarus's  
resurrection,  
and so we gather today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection,  
in faith that even now you are preparing a feast  
to celebrate our resurrection with you.  
Sanctify us, that even as our flesh and blood decay,  
our hearts are made ready that we may meet you face to  
face.



Send down your Holy Spirit, that this bread of sustenance and wine of joy may be for us the body and the 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 Abundant God,  
when we know the price of everything and the value of nothing, may this meal remind us of the limitless joy you take in us. When we are full of criticism of others and hatred of ourselves,  
may this sacrifice show us the goodness you see in us all. Bless all our touching, that we may touch your gifts and one another as if we were touching your body and blood. Bless all our desire, that in every craving, and longing we may discover a deeper yearning for you. Renew the hearts of all your people, that your whole church, seeking together the justice of your kingdom, may discover in the stranger the gifts that can only come from you, through whom, and with whom, and in whom come all honour and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Siblings in Christ, the table is set for you.  
God so loved the whole world that God sent Jesus to feed us all. God freely gives us love and life so we might freely give love and life to others. If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn, there is space for you here.  
Come, the bread of life and the cup of blessing await you.

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

**COMMUNION HYMN CP 70** *Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts*

**Ablutions Anthem** *Wondrous Love*

*Austin Lovelace*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*(Standing as we are able)*

One Holy God, here at this table, we have encountered Jesus' Spirit, bringing us wholeness so we might be satisfied by the bread of life.

Because Jesus faced death and emerged victorious, this bread does not spoil; this cup never runs dry.

**All As we leave this place of worship,  
our spirits are renewed and rejuvenated.  
There is enough for each of us.  
Therefore, we will share this joy and love with others.  
Amen.**

## **Blessing**

One Go now into the world  
brimming with love for God and others.  
May you share the bread of life,  
offering not only what sustains the body  
but what nourishes the soul.  
Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus,  
extending compassion to the weary,  
hope to the despairing,  
and bread to the hungry.  
As you go, may the love of God enfold you,  
the peace of Christ guide you,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 322** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

## **Dismissal**

One Go in peace. Live in hope.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *Marche Jubilate*

*Willan*



**Flowers in the Sanctuary** today are given by Roz Taylor in thanksgiving for the beautiful friendship and support of Sylvia Wangui and Jasmine Lam.

### **Cycle of Prayer**

**ACC** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

**ELCIC** The congregations of the Eastern area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

**MOR** The Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

**In the Diocese:** St. David's, Welland

**In the Parish:** Bob and Marion Moulden, Patrick Muganga

### **Ministry Team**

Preaching	The Rev. Canon Peter Davison
Presiding	The Rev. Mary Ryback
Eucharistic Assistant	Tom Atterton
Organist/Choir Director	Richard Hansen
Server	Christine Aiken
Readers	Barb Busing, Nora Clevenger
Greeters	Lynne and Robert Morrow
Warden on Duty	Christine Aiken

## **Holy Week Services**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 10am**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup> Compline online 9:15pm**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 7pm  
(with ADC Churches at St. James)**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Walk 10am (meet at Sydenham & King)**

**Good Friday – Meditation on the Cross 2pm**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil & Resurrection Party 7pm**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 10am**