



Service of Holy Communion Harvest Thanksgiving Service

The Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward

October 11, 2026 at 10:00 am

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!
We hope you feel at home.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Opening Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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The Gathering of the Community

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The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family, today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word *Please be seated*

First Reading

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. *(Deuteronomy 8:7-18)*

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65

Cantor: Gordon Morton

***Refrain: The seed that falls on good ground
Will yield a fruitful harvest.***

You care for the earth, give it water;
You fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
To provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth;
You drench its furrows;
The valleys are decked with wheat.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps;
In the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,
The meadows covered with flocks,
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes they sing.

Second Reading

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

(2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Gospel Proclamation

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gradual: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks *(repeat)*

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

(Luke 17:11-19)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon: The Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward

Our Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace *The congregation stands*

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Offertory Hymn: "We Plough the Fields and Scatter"

Blue 258

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer # 3

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After the Sanctus, please stand, sit or kneel as is your preference as the celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #2

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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Communion of the People

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify a sidesperson.

Communion Hymns:

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
sing songs of love and praise,
with joyful hearts and voices
your hallelujahs raise;
by whom the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.

Bring to this sacred altar
all things God's goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save:
your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them all with fullness,
all things with large increase;
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.

“As Those of Old Their First-Fruits Brought”

As those of old their first-fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our first-fruits bring,
the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause,
but share your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

A world in need now summons us
to labour, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.

Prayer after Communion *The congregation stands*

Faithful God,
in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you.
May we who have shared in holy things
always bear witness to your covenant,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

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The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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Dismissal

Leader: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Theodore Hunt; the Rev. Luigi Battista and the people of Christ Church, Brampton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Ruth Sowrey, Lester Tang, Elsa, Lois Taylor, Alex & Ann Wasyliw, Heather Whittier, Shane Wieler & Sharon Mulder

Those in need: Elizabeth, George, Silvana, Mario, Robert, Jane, Gord G., Rob and Family, Claire M., Alex R., Carly, The Unger Family, Aurora, Erica and Tessa.

Announcements:

A BIG THANK YOU to The Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward for leading us in worship and presiding at the altar today. We are so grateful. We pray for her continued ministry and many blessings.

WELCOME BACK Paul Taylor! We are always so blessed to have you come and worship with us with the trumpet.

THANKSGIVING DRIVE: The Little Food Cupboard This month the following items are required for the families in our community: **shelf stable milks, juice boxes, jams, peanut butter, crackers, school snacks, cake mixes, canned meats, and pasta sauce.** Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Women's Fall Retreat "Women Blessing Women"

Save the Date: Saturday November 7th 9am to 2pm, including lunch

"Women Blessing Women" is the theme of this day, led by Dr. Joanne Redhead. Register today! Suggested Fee: \$20 (or pay what you can). The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Payments can be made by cash or etransfer: treasurer@stjamescaledoneast.ca (Be sure to use password GRACE123) *Space is limited, register early.*