

# St James United Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

10:30 am

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**Welcome!**

*We are glad you have joined us in worship.  
May you feel the warmth of God's presence.*

*Our Mission:*

**To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.**

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**Reflection Questions:** "How is your prayer life?"

"In what ways do you speak with God every day?"

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**WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD**

*\*Bold indicates words said by All*

**PRELUDE**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (arr. Larry Shackley)  
J.-C. Coolen, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dave Head

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

There once was someone, who said... and he said,

**"I am the Light of the World."**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Jeremiah 31.31-34

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant with my people”

**As people of God,  
we await God’s blessings.**

“It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand and delivered them out of Egypt.”

**As people of God,  
we await God’s blessings.**

“I will put my law within them, I will write it on their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

**The Lord is our God,  
and we are his people!**

“They shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.  
I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.”

**The day has surely come!  
We are God’s people!**

So come, people of God’s covenant!  
**Let us worship God!**

**OPENING HYMN**      *Blessed Assurance***VU 337**

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar  
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1      Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
        O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
        Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
        born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

*Refrain:      This is my story, this is my song,  
                  praising my Saviour all the day long;  
                  this is my story, this is my song,  
                  praising my Saviour all the day long.*

- 2      Perfect submission, perfect delight!

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
 angels descending, bring from above  
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
 I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
 watching and waiting, looking above,  
 filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. *Refrain*

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## A TIME OF WONDER

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2.1-10

MUSICAL OFFERING *Were It Not for Grace with Grace Greater than Our Sin*  
 (arr. David Hamilton)

Nicholas Gryniowski, baritone  
 J.-C. Coolen, piano

GOSPEL READING John 12.20-33

SERMON *For Goodness Sake* Rev. Maya Douglas

### RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* VU 703

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniowski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar  
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
     in the seed, an apple tree;  
 in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
     butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter  
     there's a spring that waits to be,  
 unrevealed until its season,  
     something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,  
     seeking word and melody;  
 there's a dawn in every darkness,  
     bringing hope to you and me.  
 From the past will come the future;  
     what it holds, a mystery,  
 unrevealed until its season,  
     something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;  
     in our time, infinity;  
 in our doubt there is believing;  
     in our life, eternity.  
 In our death, a resurrection;  
     at the last, a victory,  
 unrevealed until its season,  
     something God alone can see.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### CLOSING HYMN      *O for a World*

VU 697

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1 O for a world where everyone  
 respects each other's ways,  
 where love is lived and all is done  
 with justice and with praise.

- 2 O for a world where goods are shared  
and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared,  
equality achieved.
- 3 We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.
- 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,  
who perishes will rise.
- 5 O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.

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## **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

### **CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**      *Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig/Nancy Price)

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Descant: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Go with us, Lord, as now we depart,  
Calming the fears that trouble each heart.  
Keep us all in your grace  
Until we come, again, to this place.

Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,  
Living in faith and teaching His word.

Share His love every day,  
For He has surely shown us the way! Amen.

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**POSTLUDE**                    *Hymn of Promise* (arr. John Carter)  
J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Rev. Maya Douglas, Minister of Pastoral Care, Word & Sacrament

Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

David Head, Presider

Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Dawn Freeman, Lisa Hall, Jasmin Li, Don Munday.

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**NEXT WEEK: Palm/Maundy Sunday, March 28**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29; Mark 11.1-11; Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19; Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14; John 13.1-17, 31b-35; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We will be receiving our Lenten and Easter Outreach Offering on Palm Sunday** and throughout the month of April. Our offering gifts will be used to support United Church Camps. The following YouTube video, Heaven among Stars, Trees and Lakes, describes some of camping' gifts. Please give generously. Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J64MyxwkeE8>

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**Easter plants** can be purchased in memoriam throughout the month of March. These will be displayed in church Easter Sunday then distributed to those on the Pastoral Care List.

To contribute please:

Put \$10 in an envelope with the name of the person you wish to remember, and your own name.

Mail it or put it through the front door slot of the church or leave it in the office

OR

E-transfer \$10 to [stjames\\_uc@rogers.com](mailto:stjames_uc@rogers.com).

Leave the name you are memorializing in the message, along with your name also.

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## **WANTED: NEW CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE/UNIFIED BOARD**

Duties

1. Convene and preside, typically, over eight Coordinating Committee (CC) meetings, one Unified Board (UB) meeting (pre budget approval), one AGM and one Congregational meeting.
2. Consults with other committee chairs and the minister to set the agenda for the meeting and ensures that the minutes of the meeting are recorded and distributed.
3. Builds consensus and develops teamwork with the CC/UB and with the minister for the vision and mission of the church.
4. No voting privileges except in case of a tie break.
5. Participates at baptisms.
6. Signing authority for all church documents.

Skills required: good organizational and communication skills plus the desire to serve.

If interested contact Mhairi Godley at [mmgodley@hotmail.com](mailto:mmgodley@hotmail.com) or Rod Lord at [roderick.lord@gmail.com](mailto:roderick.lord@gmail.com)

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**The new church Telephone Directory is now ready!** Addresses, phone numbers and emails have been updated. They can be picked up at church (\$3) or mailed to you (\$5) to cover printing costs and postage. Please let Matty know if you need one mailed to you. Not to be used for any commercial purpose!

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**Sunday School every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.** If you have a child/grandchild from JK to Grade 9 who would like to participate please contact Karen at [karen\\_forgrave@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_forgrave@hotmail.com) so that she can be sure that you are included in the mailing list, and she can send you the Zoom Link.

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**Our Bible Study group meets Mondays via ZOOM at 1p.m.** We will read through the four lectionary readings for the week and discuss each one as well as how they may impact our lives and the world. Newcomers are always welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87231297360?pwd=NzVubjZnbjZsUEdmRG84MzFPaTZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 3129 7360

Passcode: 983213

Dial by your location:

+1 647 374 4685 Canada +1 647 558 0588 Canada

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**The SJUC Junior & Youth Choir and Vocal Academy** is going strong and continues to welcome any enthusiastic young people aged 5-17 looking for a musical outlet. Rehearsals and private lessons are held on alternating Thursday evenings.

Please contact choir director Wendy Simone at [wcsimone@gmail.com](mailto:wcsimone@gmail.com) for more information and to register. We'd love to have you!

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**Senior Choir rehearsals** are virtually over Zoom on alternate Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. To participate in the Senior Choir, and for Zoom rehearsal meeting information, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or [jccoolen@sympatico.ca](mailto:jccoolen@sympatico.ca).

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

*Shoreline* is an inspiring story/documentary, highlighting the intersection of recreation and environmental stewardship, showing the impact just one person can make with enough determination. The virtual advanced screening will be on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. This is a fundraising event with **100% of the funds raised going towards our 2021 [Love Your Lake](#) program**, which consists of 100 litter cleanups along the shores of Lake Ontario between Kingston and Niagara-on-the-Lake. To make this



event inclusive and welcoming, tickets are with sliding scale pricing. The **suggested donation per family is \$10**. However, if price is a barrier you may choose to donate less. The minimum donation is \$1. There will be a live Q & A time following the screening.

If you would like to participate, please e-transfer your donation and number of tickets reserved to [stjames\\_uc@rogers.com](mailto:stjames_uc@rogers.com), or you may also drop your donation off to the church, marked "Shoreline tickets". Please include your email address as we will then share a link with you so that we can all watch together.

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### FUTURE SERVICES:

**March 28, 2021** is Palm/Maundy Sunday. We will celebrate Communion.

**April 2, 2021** is Good Friday. Service details to follow.

**April 4, 2021** is Easter Sunday. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!

**April 11, 2021** the Rev. Tom Watson will be our guest minister.

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### MINI-RECITAL

Nicholas Gryniewski, baritone

Barbara Prins, piano

### **3. Aus Göthe's Faust from 6 Gesänge op.75**                      Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

The lyrics written by a famous poet named Johann Wolfgang von Göthe. The song describes a King who once had a Flea who he treated like a son. He had a suit tailored to the Flea and it moved up in the ranks of the Kingdom eventually becoming a minister. The Flea and his friends kept feasting on the Queens and Maids yet they weren't allowed to brush them off due to the King's orders. This is supposed to describe a story from the fairytale of Faust where a demon named Mephistopheles comes up with this funny story in a local Tavern.

**Aus Göthe's Faust**

Es war einmal ein König,  
 Der hatt' einen großen Floh,  
 Den liebt' er gar nicht wenig,  
 Als wie seinen eig'nen Sohn.

Da rief er seinen Scheider,  
 der Schneider kam heran;  
 "Da, miß dem Junker Kleider  
 Und miß ihm Hosen an!"

In Sammet und in Seide  
 War er nun angetan,  
 Hatte Bänder auf dem Kleide,  
 Hatt' auch ein Kreuz daran,

Und war sogleich Minister,  
 Und hatt einen großen Stern.  
 Da wurden seine Geschwister  
 Bei Hof auch große Herrn.

Und Herrn and Frau'n am Hofe,  
 Die waren sehr geplagt,  
 Die Königin und die Zofe  
 Gestochen und genagt,

Und durften sie nicht knicken,  
 Und weg sie jucken nicht,  
 Wir knicken und ersticken  
 Doch gleich, wenn einer sticht.

**From Göthe's Faust**

There once was a king  
 Who had a large flea  
 Whom he loved not a little,  
 Just like his own son.

He summoned his tailor,  
 The tailor appeared:  
 'Here - make robes for this knight  
 And make him breeches too!'

In silk and satin  
 The flea was now attired,  
 With ribbons on his coat,  
 And a medal too,

And became a minister straightaway  
 And wore an enormous star.  
 His brothers and his sisters  
 Became grand at court as well.

And courtly lords and ladies  
 Were most grievously plagued,  
 Queen and maid-in-waiting  
 Were bitten and stung,

Yet they were not allowed  
 To squash or scratch them away -  
 We bow and scrape and suffocate,  
 As soon as any bite.

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## Oriente

Ellen Mandel

The poem originally written by e. e. cummings is set to music by Ellen Mandel. e. e. cummings based most of his work on life experiences making this piece quite personal. It deals with an unrequited love which drives you mad. A person did everything they could think of to make someone love them but to no avail. When this fails they become frustrated and angry with their love and begin to have a twisted view of what love is.

### Oriente

i spoke to thee  
with a smile and thou didst not  
answer  
thy mouth is as  
a chord of crimson music

Come hither

O thou, is life not a smile?

i spoke to thee with  
a song and thou  
didst not listen  
thine eyes are as a vase  
of divine silence

Come hither

O thou, is life not a song?

i spoke  
to thee with a soul and  
thou didst not wonder  
thy face is as a dream locked

in white fragrance

Come hither

O thou, is life not love?

i speak to

thee with a sword

and thou art silent

thy breast is as a tomb

softer than flowers

Come hither

O thou, is love not death?

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