

St James United Church
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TRINITY SUNDAY & HOLY COMMUNION, JUNE 7, 2020

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.

Reflection Question:

"When has the Spirit been active in my life?"

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Coral Prebble

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: The risen Christ gifts us with the Holy Spirit.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and light up our lives.

Gathering Hymn V.U. 315 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Cantor: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead

Piano: J.- C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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Call to Worship:

One: In the name of the Creator whose word birthed the universe,

All: bringing light out of darkness and life out of emptiness;

One: In the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh,

All: who lived with love and compassion, justice and generosity;

One: In the name of the Spirit: breath of life, wind of change, inner guide and deep wisdom,

All: We worship one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Approach:

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray together:

All: God in three persons, whose mystery exceeds our understanding, yet gives us meaning; whose love transcends our awareness yet permeates our existence; whose breath animates the earth and each one of us, thank You for Your life in all creation. May worship heighten our awareness of You and what it means to be made in Your image. Amen.

Musical Offering: "How Great Thou Art" – Stuart K. Hine

Bill Price, baritone

J.-C. Coolen, piano

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Genesis 1:1- 8, 20-27, 31-2:4a Reader: Karen Munday

The first creation story.

Sermon: "The Trinity and Us"

- Rev. Coral Prebble

Hymn V.U. 477 "I Come With Joy"

Cantor: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

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RESPONDING TO GOD

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

One: Christ is present.

All: The Spirit is among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open our hearts to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks.

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

One: Loving Parent, Source of all life, we gather at this table to offer our thanks and to

taste afresh the wonder of Your holy love.

All: We unite in gratitude for the gift of creation and being made in Your image.

One: The Spirit of Wisdom and Truth reminds us that all life is sacred and a gift to be cherished.

All: O God, draw us towards healing, wholeness and reconciliation.

One: We remember how Jesus welcomed the stranger, healed the sick, stood up for the oppressed, and gave his life in service of others.

All: With a love stronger than death, Jesus opened wide his arms, surrendered his body and passed his Spirit on to us.

One: Indwelling God, Christ and Holy Spirit, meet us in this bread and wine.

All: Unite us with Yourself and fill us with Your love for all the world.

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Post Communion Prayer (together):

Great Spirit, thank You for feeding us with the gifts of heaven and earth. Help us to be kind and courageous, gentle and generous, merciful and just. Set us on the path that leads to oneness with You and all creation. Bring healing and blessing to those on our prayer list, to the growing worldwide anti-racism and Black Lives Matter movement, and to the people and situations we hold in our hearts ... (silent prayer) ... Now lead us into the world, remembering we are Your people and Your life is within us, in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn V. U. 325 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” vs. 1, 3 & 4

Cantor: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and its confidence alone.**

**3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

4 Laud and honour to the Father,

**laud and honour to the Son,
 laud and honour to the Spirit,
 ever three and ever one,
 one in might, and one in glory,
 while unending ages run.**

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Commissioning and Benediction – Rev. Coral Prebble

Congregational Benediction: “Prayer of Dedication” –Don Besig

Cantor: Bill Price, baritone choral lead

Descant: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead

Piano: J.- C. Coolen, Minister of Music

**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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Congregational Meeting Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. – to vote on the **Search Committee’s recommendation of a new minister.** Thank you to the members of the Ministerial Search Committee: Brenda Beaton (chair), Jon Linton, Don Munday, Tina Shapero, Sylvie Ty and Randy Wilson for their diligent service on our behalf. Thank you as well to Rod Lord for organizing our virtual meeting by phone and computer and for the Telephone Network personally contacting everyone to let them know how to participate. Detailed instructions will be sent out as how to be part of this meeting.

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Thank you to J.- C. Coolen, Bill Price and Kathleen Wells for leading us in music and song, to Gord Burrell for creating an audio recording, to Rod Lord for his camera and tripod and coordinating Sunday worship by telephone, to Karen Munday for reading scripture and creating slides of the hymn words and to Don Munday for reading the “All” portions of the responsive prayers and for creating and producing our audio-visual worship experience.

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Sunday, June 7 – Trinity Sunday and Holy Communion. You are invited to have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage of choice ready as we remember the gift of Jesus and the meaning of communion.

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We extend our love and compassion to Marg Cowan-Slamen and family on the passing of her husband Ed Slamen, who passed away in his sleep at home on Tuesday, June 2.

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Outreach Offering for St. James Food Basket – Our June outreach offering will go to our Food Basket. It has been closed since March 17 due to the pandemic, but will re-open on June 10. Due to the number of people now out of work, temporarily or permanently, we expect increased need in our community. Please send your donation to St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke ON M9B 2A8 and mark your envelope “St. James Food Basket”. OR donate on-line at our website www.stjamesunitedchurch.com, please add Food Basket under “special instructions to the seller”. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

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Sunday, June 14 - Rev. Coral Prebble will be preaching on God promising Abram and Sarah a son and Jesus sending out the disciples to preach and heal based on Genesis 18:1-15 and Matthew 9:35 – 10:8. These scriptures invite us to be confident in the God who holds our future.

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Sunday, June 21 – We celebrate Father’s Day and Indigenous Sunday. Rev. Coral Prebble will be preaching.

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Sunday, June 28 – Rev. Coral Prebble will preach her final message to the people of St. James and return the symbols of her ministry to mark the end of her covenant relationship with us as our minister.

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Do You Sew? Nancy Polito, as chair of our Decorating Team, is planning to replace the three curtains located in the corridors on either side of the sanctuary chancel. Nancy will provide the fabric and pleating tape, and Marie Truelove will cut the curtain fabric to size. If you are willing to sew on pleating tape and hem one of the curtains, please contact Matty in the church office by email or telephone.

M & S Coloured Bulletin Covers: Since the switch to digital worship in mid-March we have had eleven Sunday services without the need for paper bulletins. Worship and Music Committee members wish to thank the members of St James who donated the beautiful worship bulletin covers in celebration, in memory or in honour of someone during this time and the coming summer months: Carol Jones and Gord Burrell, Don and Marion McDougall, the Charlot family, Shirley Missios, Don Laing and Judy Jones, Lila Bowen, Marty and Jon Linton, Bill and Pam Lowry and Mary Greco. We look forward to using your choices of bulletin covers in 2021.

There will also be opportunity to choose and donate new Mission and Service bulletin covers for 2021. *The new 2021 M & S Bulletin Cover Catalogue*, which usually is available in June, will be sent out instead this Fall. So stay tuned for further announcements regarding ordering in September.

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We've started a series of YouTube videos to help introduce new congregational song. You can view the full list of videos on the church website, here:

<http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/music/introducing-new-congregational-song/>

Please feel free to enjoy and review these introductory videos as much as you desire, and do feel free to sing along! If you'd like to receive automatic notifications whenever we release a new video, directly to the bottom right of the YouTube video window, click on the red Subscribe button, then click on the Notifications bell.

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Seniors Lunch has been cancelled until the fall, hopefully October 1st.

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