

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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 Questions: "In what ways has your relationship with Christ
brought you healing?"

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

***Bold** indicates words said by **All**

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken (arr. Larry Shackley)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Head

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE/GATHERING PRAYER

(adapted from Spacious Faith spaciousfaith.com 2015)

We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable.

Our hope in Christ shines on.

We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid.

The peace of Christ lights our way.

We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable.

The joy of Christ brightens our lives.

We give thanks for the light of love—hot and holy.

The love of Christ comforts and challenges.

The light shines in the darkness.

And the darkness has not overcome it.

OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

VU 409

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF WONDER

METRICAL PSALM*Psalm 111: Rejoice in God, My Heart***PAS¹ 111D**

Tune: LEONI VU 255

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

(sung by Cantor; congregants may simply listen, or join in as they may feel comfortable doing so)

- 1 Rejoice in God, my heart, with all whose voices raise
their thankful songs, and take your part in ceaseless praise!
His words and works extol, exalt his name on high,
and trace his glories, O my soul, in earth and sky.
- 2 The splendour of his reign in majesty appears,
whose grace and mercy shall remain to endless years.
Secure in him we stand, our God, whose ways are just;
redeemed by his almighty hand, in him we trust.
- 3 His deeds their Lord proclaim, with all created things,
and from the honour of his name all wisdom springs.
Come share, my soul, the songs celestial voices raise,
and worship him to whom belongs eternal praise!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1.21-28

MUSICAL OFFERING *The Call from Five Mystical Songs* (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Nicholas Gryniewski, baritone

J.-C. Coolen, piano

MESSAGE*Healing and Restoration*

Rev. Debbie Johnson

¹ PAS = Psalms for All Seasons (<http://psalmsforallseasons.org/>), a glorious psalter from Faith Alive Christian Resources, publisher for the Christian Reformed Church. St. James received a choral set of PAS from the former Wexford Heights United Church, Scarborough, in Summer 2019.

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN

Your Hands, O Christ

VU 622

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Your hands, O Christ, in days of old
 were strong to heal and save;
 they triumphed o'er disease and death,
 fought darkness and the grave.
 To you they went, the blind, the mute,
 the palsied and the lame,
 the leper set apart and shunned,
 the sick with fevered frame.

- 2 And lo! your touch brought life and health,
 gave speech and strength and sight;
 and youth renewed and health restored
 owned you, the Lord of light.
 So, living Christ, draw near to bless,
 compassionate as before;
 that we may touch your garment's fringe,
 walk in our streets once more.

- 3 O be our gracious healer still,
 our God in life and death;
 restore and strengthen, soothe and bless
 with your life-giving breath.
 To hands that work and eyes that see
 teach wisdom's healing lore,
 that whole and sick, and weak and strong,
 we praise you evermore.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 921

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

VU 626

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

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary and worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down, and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig)

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 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (VU 216)* (arr. Larry Shackley)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

David Head, Presider

Rev. Debbie Johnson, Guest Minister

Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Andrew Paley, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please join Rev. Maya in praying for the members and adherents in our Directory for an ongoing cycle. We hold these members of our faith community in prayer this week:

Donna & Ian Latham, Haley, Megan and Trent; Bill & Caroline Laughlin; Peter & Virginia Lawrence, Ashley and Ailicis; Elizabeth Leigh; Shu-Poon & Kayan Li; Jennifer Ling & Yu-Hon Li, Jordan and Jasmin; Shirley Kozel & Richard Lindsay; Ann Linton; George Linton & Virginia Fraser; Jon & Marty Linton, Sam, Katie; Rod & Sarah Lord, Graham and Derick; Nancy Low; Bill & Pam Lowry.

We join in prayer for healing and transformation with:

Elda Dunham, Betty & Bernie Ginger, Ardith Grant, and Joe Tyler (Nancy Cormier's dad).

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NEXT WEEK: Sunday, February 7

Scripture Readings: Psalm 147.1-11, 20c; Isaiah 40.21-31; Mark 1.29-39; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome back Rev. Debbie Johnson, our guest minister this morning, while Rev Maya is on study leave. Rev. Debbie served until her retirement as Congregational Life Minister at North Bramalea United Church from 2008-2019. Prior to this Rev. Debbie was the Faith Formation and Leadership Development staff person for Hamilton Conference of the United Church. We look forward to her message for us today.

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As of January 1, we are delighted to welcome Nicholas Gryniewski as our Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar. Nicholas is currently a Grade 12 student at Cawthra Park Secondary School in Mississauga. He is in the regional arts program there for singing and will be pursuing Classical voice for post-secondary education. Nicholas has won many awards including the Grade 7 RCM provincial gold medal, the Grade 8 RCM OMFA Gold medal and the Ron Lenyk Inspiring Youth Award. He has been a member of multiple choirs as well as an active member of community theatre groups. Welcome, Nicholas! We're looking forward to your musical ministry with us!

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Happy Birthday to our St. James family members who celebrate their birthdays this coming week. We are glad you were born and give God thanks for your lives: Wendy Miller February 2, and Emanuel Corthay February 5. Please note: anyone submitting the names of people celebrating birthdays needs the permission of those individuals first.

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St. James Office Hours: During the mandatory “stay at home” order, our office administrator will only be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. She will work from home on Thursday and Friday.

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Worship Service Coffee Hour: Please note there will be NO Worship Coffee Hour after worship TODAY, Sunday, January 31. It will resume on Sunday, February 7 when Rev. Maya returns after her study leave.

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Sunday School via Zoom, 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 so that she can be sure that you are included in the mailing list, and she can send you the Zoom Link.

Our Bible Study group meets Mondays via ZOOM at 1p.m. Please confirm your interest in joining by contacting Rev. Maya at revmaya.douglas@gmail.com and she will send you the log-in information. 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!

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Have you seen an inspirational Ted Talk, online speaker, or mini documentary that would be good for a Lenten Study group to view? Rev. Maya and the Christian Development Committee are looking for some good videos that promote discussion, and are looking for some help. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Rev. Maya! (revmaya.douglas@gmail.com) Thank you!

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The SJUC Junior and Youth Choir meets on Thursdays from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are excited to announce the introduction of our very own Vocal Training Academy, for ages 5-17. For details see the e-flyer on St James' website. To register, please complete the short survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZTN8YF>
There is no deadline for registration. Singers may join at any time. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Choir Director Wendy Simone at wcsimone@gmail.com.

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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.

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2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the main hallway of the church during regular office hours.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Save the date! Tuesday, February 16th is Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day! We will be joining online together at 7pm to "share pancakes" (dinner/dessert, depending on your preference!). We will have a chance to chat with each other, as if at "Table Groups" in Fellowship Hall. Zoom details to follow.

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St. James' Annual General Meeting will be held over Zoom on Sunday, March 7. Time and Zoom details to follow.

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FUTURE SERVICES:

Sunday, February 7, we will begin to celebrate Black History Month!

Sunday, February 14 is Transfiguration Sunday. We will have Communion.

Sunday, February 21 is Ash Sunday & Lent I. The Unified Board will meet over Zoom after the service at 12:30pm.

Sunday, February 28 is our Covenanting Sunday during which we will covenant with the Rev. Maya Douglas. Kathryn Moase, liaison for our Search Committee, will represent Shining Waters Regional Council. The Rev. Marlene Britton from General Council will return as our guest preacher.

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MINI-RECITAL

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

Che fiero costume

Giovanni Legrenzi (1626-1690)

This piece is about a person who is feeling unrequited love. They complain that Cupid is a traitorous god who is adored for punishing people. This person is feeling punished as they can't help but love someone who doesn't love them back.

Che Fiero Costume

Che fiero costume D'aligero nume,
Che a forza di pene

What a Fierce Custom

What a Fierce Custom of a Winged God
Who by force of punishments

si faccia adorar!
 E purnell'ardore
 Il dio traditore
 Un vago semblante mi fe'idolattrar.

Che crudo destino,
 Che un cieco bambino
 Con bocca di latte
 si faccia stimar!

Ma questo tiranno
 Con barbaro inganno
 Entrando per gli occhi,
 mi fe'sospirar.

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Should make himself adored!
 And nevertheless in my ardor
 The traitorous god
 Made me worship a lovely face.

What a Cruel Fate
 That a Blind Child
 With a mouth of milk
 Should make himself esteemed!

But this Tyrant
 With Barbarous Deception
 Entering through my eyes
 To make me sigh.

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Les Berceaux

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

This describes the farewells and goodbyes of families. Men who are lured to the sea leave their wives and babies behind. "But will come the day of farewells, for it is necessary that the women cry, and the curious men attempt the horizons that lure them".

Les Berceaux

Le longs du quai,
 Les grands vaisseaux,
 Que la houle incline en silence,
 Ne prennent pas garde aux berceaux,
 Que la main des femmes balance.

Mais viendra le jour des adieux,
 Car il faut que les femmes pleurent,

The Cradles

All along the pier,
 The big ships,
 Which the waves rock in silence,
 Don't take notice of the cradles,
 That the hand of-the women rock.

But will-come the day of farewells,
 For it's necessary that the women cry,

Et que les hommes curieux
Tentent les horizons qui leurrent!

Et ce jour-là les grands vaisseaux,
Fuyant le port qui diminue,
Sentent leur masse retenue
Par l'âme des lointains berceaux.

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And that the curious men,
Attempt the horizons that entice them!

And (on) that day the great ships,
Leaving the receding port,
Shall feel their bulk held back,
By the soul of the distant cradles.

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