



**St. James**  
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## CHRISTMAS 2



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### **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Saint James Church acknowledges that the land upon which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory. Committing ourselves to truth and the work of reconciliation, we seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

## Welcome to this time of worship

Thank you for joining us today. During this time of pandemic worship may look and feel different than we are used to. The many changes are in place to help us create a safe environment where the people of God can still worship together and receive Christ in word and sacrament.

Prelude:

The Holy Boy

John Ireland

Opening Hymn – CP 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

## Welcome and Announcements

*We are invited to a time of silence as we enter this time of worship.*

## Territorial Acknowledgement

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Holy Jesus,  
by being born one of us,  
and lying humbly in a manger,  
you show us how much God loves the world.  
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,

until we reach our home in heaven,  
and see you on your throne of glory.

**All: Amen.**

One: As we come to the Lord at the start of this New Year,  
let us seek his grace to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

### **Kyrie**

One: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

One: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh  
and splendour of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

One: May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you all your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Collect**

One: Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son

you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All:     Amen**

## **Proclamation of the Word**

### **First reading (Jeremiah 31.7-14)**

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 147:13-21**

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,  
**who has strengthened the bars of your gates, who has blessed  
your children within you.**

For the Lord has established peace on your borders and  
satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**The Lord sends out a command to the earth, and this word runs  
very swiftly.**

The Lord gives snow like wool and scatters hoarfrost like ashes  
**and hail like bread-crumbs; who can stand against such cold?**

The Lord sends forth the word and melts them, blowing with the  
wind and the waters flow.

## **The Lord declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgements to Israel.**

The Lord has not done so to any other nation; to them these judgements have not been revealed. Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading:** (Ephesians 1. 3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** CP 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Word of God, come down on earth,

living rain from heaven descending:  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

### **The Gospel (Luke 2.21-24)**

One: God be with you,

**All: and also with you.**

One: Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Saint Luke

**All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child;  
and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he  
was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their  
purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up  
to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law  
of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to  
the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated  
in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young  
pigeons.'

One: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **GRADUAL HYMN CP 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

Word that speaks God's tender love,  
one with God beyond all telling;  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit with us dwelling;  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

**The Prayers of the People**

*The response to the prayers is...*

One: God of love,

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Peace**

One: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: CP 156 The People that in Darkness Sat**

The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the Light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.

For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Prayer over Gifts**

One: Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

**All: Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**



One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

One: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

One: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

One: Behold what you are

**All: May we become what we receive.**

One: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment,  
wherever you may be, to receive Christ,  
in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's  
people, unseen and yet present with us now.  
Many are made one.

*The following prayer is said by all, during this prayer the elements  
may be elevated, in offering to the people.*

**We receive you Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome your presence in  
us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts,**

**minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving Prayer**

**One:** All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All:** And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God**

**we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of your Son**

**Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body,**

**live his risen life;**

**we, who drink his cup,**

**bring life to others;**

**we, whom the Spirit lights,**

**give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so that we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

**CLOSING HYMN:** CP 135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
tell us, when the seraph bright  
greeted you with wondrous tiding  
what you saw and heard that night.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Choristers on high were singing  
Jesus and his Virgin birth,

heavenly bells the while a-ring,  
"Peace, good will to all on earth."  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Voluntary**   Noel Swisse

Louis D'Aquin

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