



The Right Reverend  
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*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
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## Welcome to St. James Cathedral

*This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami / Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.*

### Order of Service

- ***Masks must be worn at all times.***
- ***Please maintain physical distancing at all times from those who are not part of your family bubble.***
- ***Due to the pandemic, congregational singing is not permitted. Please do not sing.***

*Please stand.  
William Croft*

### Burial Sentences

*Choir* I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shalt stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

### Opening Hymn

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Choir* Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain: alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises: alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
forebears in faith and prophets blest:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing  
supernal anthems echoing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: J. Athelstan L. Riley, alt.; Music: Melody *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623;

## **The Gathering of the Community**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Eulogy**

*Presider* In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help? From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* Lord you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

*Please remain standing.*

## **The Collect**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant Michael and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

*Isaiah 6: 1-8*

*Reader* In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 46**

ARCHDEACON BEDFORD-JONES, 1830-1901.



*Choir*

God is our hope and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be changed,  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof rage and swell,  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be moved;  
God shall help her, and that right early.  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;  
but God uttereth his voice, and the earth doth melt away.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD,  
what wonders he hath wrought upon the earth.  
He maketh wars to cease in all the world;  
he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.  
Be still then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## The Second Reading

*Philippians 4: 4-7*

*Reader* Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

Tune: Ellacombe

*Choir* The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth the song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus; tr. John Mason Neale; Music: Melody *Gesangbuch* Württemberg, 1784.

*Please stand.*

*John 1: 1-14*

## The Holy Gospel

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Gospeller* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but

he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

*Please stand.*

*Presider* I believe in God,

*All* **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**



*Intercessor* Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Grant us grace to entrust Michael to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favour you bear for your people.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Presider* O God, the king of saints, we praise and glorify your holy name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the ever-blessed Virgin Mary; for St. John the Evangelist, St. James, St. Aidan, St. Martin, St. George, St. Jude, St. Peter; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*We offer each other a sign of peace, without any physical contact.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn

Tune: Irish

*Choir* Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong,  
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear.  
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

the day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad—  
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, alt.; Music: *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, Dublin, 1749.

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day. Increase, we pray,  
our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your eternal love. We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you  
thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from  
the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal  
life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in  
every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

## **Sanctus & Benedictus**

*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.**

*Presider* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling a people into covenant with you; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*All* **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

*All* **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

## Agnus Dei

*Choir* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant them rest eternal.

## The Communion

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*Presider* Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

*People* **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

- *When coming forward to receive communion, please follow the directions of the sidespeople. Please remain in your pew until they indicate that it is your turn to go up to receive the sacrament.*
- *Please maintain physical distancing when coming forward for the sacrament.*
- *There are two communion ministers at the service. Please stop after the hand sanitizer station to wait for the communion minister on your side to be free.*
- *Proceed to the communion minister on your side of the centre aisle, keeping a safe distance.*
- *Extend your hands for the words of distribution, when the host will be dropped on your palm.*
- *Move all the way to the marked spot on the left or right before removing your mask and consuming the sacrament. There is a hand sanitizer station on either side.*
- *Please return to your seat using the side aisles.*

## Communion Hymn

Tune: Coelites Plaudant

*Choir* Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels,  
maker of all things, ruler of all nations,  
grant of thy mercy unto us thy servants  
steps up to heaven.

Send thine archangel Michael to our succour;  
peace-maker blessèd, may he banish from us  
striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful  
all things may prosper.

Send thine archangel Gabriel, the mighty;  
herald of heaven, may he, from us mortals,  
drive every evil, watching o'er the temples  
where thou art worshipped.

Send from the heavens Raphael thine archangel,  
health-bringer blessèd, aiding every sufferer,  
that, in thy service, he may wisely guide us,  
healing and blessing.

May the blest mother of our God and Saviour,  
may the celestial company of angels,  
may the assembly of the saints in heaven,  
help us to praise thee.

Father almighty, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God ever blessèd, hear our thankful praises;  
thine is the glory which from all creation  
ever ascendeth.

Text: Attrib. Rabanus Maurus; tr. J. Athelstan L. Riley, alt; Music: Melody Antiphoner, Rouen, 1728.

**Motet**      *Christe Eleison*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand.*

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*People*      **Amen.**

### **The Commendation**

*All*      **Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

### **Prayer of Commendation**

*Presider*      Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Michael. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

*All*      **Amen.**

## Blessing

*Presider* The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

*People* **Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation. Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

Tune: Blaenwern

*Choir* Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: William Penfro Rowlands.

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

*arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams*

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