

St. James' Anglican Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost and Anointing

A.C.W. Sunday

November 16th, 2025

Choral Eucharist - 10 a.m.

Celebrant and Homilist – Rev. Carol Hardie

Guest Speaker: Opeoluwa (Ope) Fayomi

Director of Music - Mr. Jeff Campbell

Organ Preludes Praude on

“Abridge”
“Arioso”

Eric. H. Thiman
J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn #330 (CP) “O Praise Ye the Lord”

Laudate Dominum

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you.

"Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“I am the Church, You are the Church”

Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

V1

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple; the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.

Refrain

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Refrain

V3

Sometimes the church is marching; sometimes it's bravely burning; sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding; always it's learning.

Refrain

V4

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying; there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

Refrain

V5

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it!

Refrain

Congregation & Choir please join on each refrain

Gathering Prayer

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love. **Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 65: 17-25; 2 (Page #728)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 (pg. #1150)

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The Gospel Luke 21: 5-19

Before the Gospel# 715 (CP) "Alleluia"

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to

death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel # 715 (CP) "Alleluia"

Guest Speaker Opeoluwa (Ope) Fayomi

Solo "Give Me an Understanding Heart" *arr. Anton Rubinstein*
 Alexandra Teske, soprano Soloist

Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, 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.

Prayers of the People

Mae Cox, Lay Reader

ACW Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, Enable us, through Worship, Learning and Service, To live a life of Christ, that strengthened by the Holy Spirit, We may show forth your love to others throughout the world.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Peace: Sisters and brothers, we are part of the new heaven and new earth. In God's love, we can reach across the differences that divide us. Greet one another in this spirit of reconciliation and peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offering Hymn: #500 (CP) "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

Servant Song

Prayer before Communion

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord #732 (CP)

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

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

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his

coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

#745 (CP) "Jesus, Lamb of God" Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Communion Music **Congregation, Please Join with the Choir**

Hymn "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury

V1

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us: much we need your tender care; in
your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! You have bought us; yours we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! You have bought us, yours we are.

V2

We are yours; in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way; keep
your rock from sin, defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed
Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus,
blessed Jesus! Hear your children when we pray.

V3

Let us always seek your favour; let us always do your will. Jesus Christ
our only Saviour, with yourself our spirits all. Blessed Jesus, blessed
Jesus! You have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
You have loved us, love us still.

Hymn "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" *Wonderful Love*

V1

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true. Out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you! Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

V2

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came. Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame. Seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

V3

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? Why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home. Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

V4

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love; come and abide, come and abide. Lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride. Seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Glory to God **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #441 (CP)

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” Surrey

Dismissal

We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and serving the world God Loves. **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Organ Postlude

“Hornpipe” from Water Music G.F. Handel

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