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Organist:	John Shaw
Presider:	The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Server & Crucifer:	Jennifer Millar, Michael Chine
Greeter:	Mary Ann Millar, Barbara Bailey
Warden on Duty:	Catherine Carlson

November 8, 2026
Remembrance Sunday & 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Book of Alternative Services (BAS) – 10:00 am

Announcements

Procession

THE GATHERING

O CANADA

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

THE LAST POST

2 Minutes of Silence

THE ROUSE

THE LAMENT

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Reader: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

People: We will remember them.

CHOIR - In Flanders' Fields

PLACING OF THE WREATH

PRAYERS

Officiant: In remembrance, let us offer our prayers to God, responding to 'Lord, have mercy' with "Christ, have mercy."

GOD SAVE THE KING

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn - CP #318 'Rejoice Today with One Accord'

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.

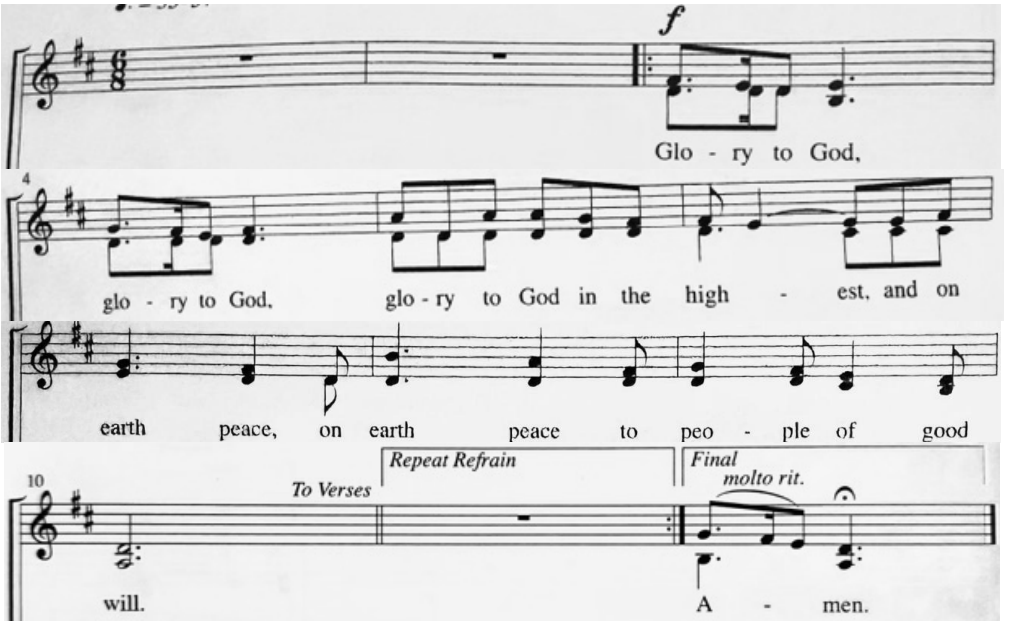
People: And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

People: 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.

GLORY to GOD
Refrain



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25 Alfred Butler

Reader: A reading from the Book of Joshua.

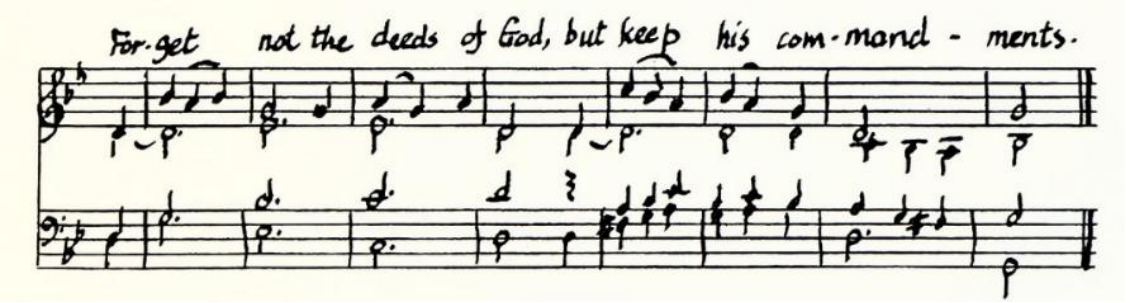
Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign

gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.
Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

PSALM 78:1-7 Cantor: Rob Aszmies

REFRAIN: "Forget not the deeds of God, but keep His commandments."



THE SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 Roberta Butler

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the

Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 'Thy Word'
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13 The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Gospeller: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: 'Days of Elijah'
These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses

Righteousness being restored.
And tho' these are days of great trials,
Famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus
Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's Hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world.
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord.
Chorus

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Please be seated.

THE HOMILY The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in

accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please kneel, or sit, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE MaryLynn Forrest

Intercessor: The flowers in the church today are In loving memory of family members lost this year: Dexter Chine, Fred Wilson and Doreen Morita. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Forever in our hearts, given by Kraft, Deb, Michael and Kevin Chine.

Through baptism, God has made us the people of hope. Our hope is in God and our help comes from God. Since God promises to make all things new, let us offer our cares and concerns to God, responding to “O God, who is our hope” with “hear our prayer.”

Gracious Creator, ruler of the universe, we know neither the day nor the hour when the Lord Christ shall return to claim the faithful. Through your saving and sustaining grace, enable us to remain in readiness and to welcome his appearing. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer.

Eternal Creator, author of unity, bind your people together into one holy Church. Remove the barriers that separate Christian from Christian, and enable all the baptized to offer common praise to you and common witness to the world. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer.

Guiding Creator, give wisdom, courage, and grace to our bishops in their ministries of leadership and oversight, and to all in Church leadership,

including: Bishop Todd, our diocesan bishop, Archbishop Anne, our Metropolitan who now prepares to retire, Archbishop Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop, Archbishop Shane, our Primate, Archbishop Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Fr. Brendon, our priest and rector, and to all the clergy and people of your Church. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer.

Strengthening Creator, who empowers us for mission we pray for our sisters Catherine, Coralee, and Linda, who are to be confirmed; for our sister Yvonne who is to be received into the Anglican Church, and for all in our Deanery of Waterloo who are to be confirmed and received today; that these Anglicans might be strengthened, empowered, and sustained in their lives of faith in order to do God's will, O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer

Merciful Creator, source of all compassion, look with pity upon our world. Help us overcome the ravages of war, disease, hunger, and injustice; give dignity and well-being to all the human family. Visit us with your love; grant us peace; point us to the way that leads to fulfillment and sufficiency for all. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer.

Creator of all, who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we pray for those who govern and wield earthly power. We especially pray for Charles, our King, Mark, our Prime Minister, Doug, our Premier, Berry, Mayor of Kitchener, for the parliament, the legislature, and municipal councils, and all the leaders of the nations, that they would make good and just decisions for the benefit of all and that peace might be their goal. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty Creator, protector of all life, we plead with you to grant healing and wholeness to the sick and the suffering, (especially…). Lay upon them your hand of mercy; renew and restore them, giving them cause to proclaim and praise your name. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer.

Divine Creator, perfecter of all life, behold the dying, who no longer await the return of the bridegroom, but rush to meet him through their death. Grant them peace at the last and welcome them into your heavenly dominion. We remember before you all who have died, (especially…) and ask that their eternal joy would be found in you. When our last hour shall
come, look not on our sins but accept us on the merits of our gracious redeemer, Jesus Christ. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Accept the prayers of your people, O God. Assure us anew that you give heed to our cries and that you respond to our petitions according to your divine will. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour we pray.

People: Amen.

Please remain kneeling, or sitting, as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: 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.

A moment of silence is held as any sins of thought, word, deed, or omission are recalled.

Presider: Most merciful God,

People: 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.

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you,
People: And also with you.

The Offertory

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

Presider: Come, everyone whose heart is stirred and everyone whose spirit is willing, and bring the Lord's offering.

OFFERTORY: 'Be Still My Soul'

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly friend
Thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! your God does undertake
To guide the future as he has the past;
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Be still, my soul! when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul! your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - *Eucharistic Prayer 3*

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 God 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, because in the fellowship of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. Therefore we join our voices with theirs as earth and heaven unite to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (Holy)

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest, 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 Israel to be your

people; 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,
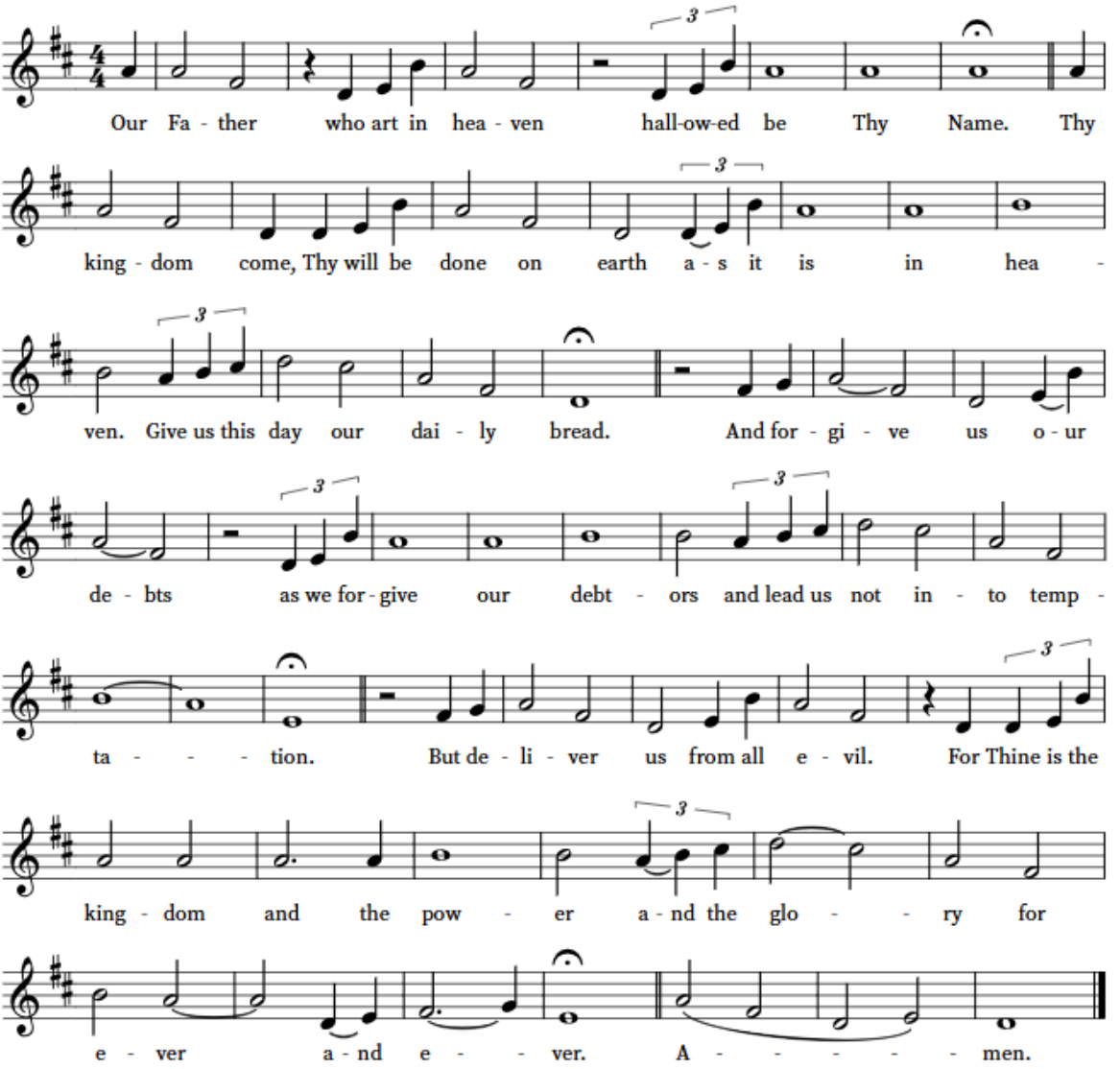
People: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

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 sons and daughters; 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

Rob Aszmies



THE FRACTION RITE
THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)
All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Administrants: Lilian Cressman, John Ryrie

COMMUNION: CP #57 'Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist'

CHOIR ANTHEM

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Presider: Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY
Presider: Glory to God,
All: 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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL: CP #114 'Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending'

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Readings for Next Sunday	
JUDGES 4:1-7	PSALM 123
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11	MATTHEW 25: 14-30

Last Week's Sunday Attendance: 8:15 (31); 10:00 (59)

Givings: On the plate: $ 2,436 Auto Debit: $2,078

Sunday Smile: Jesus isn't on Facebook, but you can still follow Him.

Bible Study

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday November 17th at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book 'The Chambermaid's Key' by Genevieve Graham. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Office Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2027 Church Calendars for Sale

We have calendars available for $6.00 each. If you're interested, please stop by the office after the service. Kindly write your name on the envelope and place your payment inside.

Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or ill and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 519-744-4751 and leave a message. If it is a Pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Brendon at 226-898-2884.

For appointments with Fr. Brendon, please feel free to email him (brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or contact the Church Office.

Coffee Hour after the 10 a.m. service:

We now have 5 teams signed up to go on a schedule for the 10 a.m. coffee hour. It would be ideal to have at least 3 more teams. If you have been considering this, please put your name on the list in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please speak to Valerie Cuthbert (519-578-8671). Thank you

Upcoming Events – Fr. Brendon

- Sun. Nov. 8/26: Deanery Confirmation Service at St. John the Divine, Cambridge – 2:30 pm
- Thursday, November 12 from 7:00–9:00 pm *Anglican/Lutheran Conversation about Changing MAID Legislation in Canada*
- Saturday, November 14 - Christmas Market

A Lutheran-Anglican Conversation about Changing MAID Legislation in Canada

Thursday, November 12 | 7:00–9:00 PM
Mount Zion Lutheran Church
29 Westmount Rd. S., Waterloo
Please register online in advance https://me-l.co/zgdpxxbi

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Market - Nov. 14th

We have a date for this year's Christmas Market - Nov. 14th. Mark your calendars and start your prep work!!! Each week in October we will highlight

an aspect of the market for your consideration. Please remember to consider donations from books, baking, jams, pickles, jellies, unopened bottles, craft items and loved Christmas treasures.

Decorating Our Christmas Tree

Mark Monday afternoon on November 16th on your calendar! We will be decorating our Christmas Tree starting at 2.00 pm. There will be Christmas refreshments and Carol singing courtesy of John Shaw. Please join us if you are able.

LiveStream Operators Needed

We have a number of worshippers who join us every Sunday on LiveStream. The numbers vary somewhat with monthly averages between 40 and 81 this calendar year with the last two months significantly higher than in the first half of this year - great! We have three Operators now (Noah Cronin, John Dale, and Nelson Cuthbert, the Coordinator). It would be good to have a couple more to volunteer for this opportunity. Training will be provided. Please speak to Nelson if you are interested. Thanks!

Envelope Secretary - Position Filled

We are pleased to announce that at our last Parish Council meeting, your Executive brought the name of John Dale forward as our new Envelope Secretary to replace Valerie Clarke who retired from the position earlier this year. John is a long-standing parishioner here at St. George's and held the position of Warden several years ago. He will begin right away. We thank John for his continued service to our Parish.

Members Envelopes

Please remember to pick up your members' envelopes! This is the last week they will be available in the Narthex. Thank you!

E-transfer Donation

Support St. George’s Church by sending your donation via e-transfer to stgeorgefhdonate@outlook.com. Please include a comment indicating the purpose of your donation. Thank you for your generous support!

ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

Thank you so much for the amazing donations last week of tuna, cereal and cleaning supplies! The back of my car was full 🙄 Kay, at St. Andrews, is always saying how they could not serve so many less fortunate without our help! They appreciate anything we would like to give, but a few things mentioned for this week were: pasta sauce, cereal and always cleaning products ❤️‍🩹 THANK-YOU-you are the BEST!

Heather Murphy - On behalf of your Outreach Committee

VOLUNTEER FOR CHRISTMAS KETTLES

Share the joy of giving this Christmas! Just ONE 2-hour volunteer shift can make a big difference in supporting individuals and families in our community. Your time helps provide meals, children's programs, and family support. Together, we can bring hope and make Christmas brighter!

To volunteer, contact Hannah: hannah.aszmies@salvationarmy.ca

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page, or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee

Altar Guild Request

Thank you to all who contribute to the prayer candle ministry. On average, we use forty candles per week so keeping a stock of 'Tea' light candles is a priority. If you are able to contribute to this ministry, we would appreciate it.

Candle in Narthex

The candle in the narthex is in loving memory of Estelle Waterman's mother, who passed away in the United Kingdom. May she rest in peace.

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