

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20 signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe (Ojibway) peoples of Mississaugan and Chippewayan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**Welcome**

Sentence Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts; it can bring you salvation. *James 1 .21*

Processional Hymn #434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us (All 4 verses)

1. The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing; our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring, for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received, and for the generations who faithfully believed.
2. The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be companions on a journey, where all the world may see that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy; where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.
3. The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go, to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more, for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.
4. The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

THE GREETING

Celebrant 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.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **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

Celebrant

All

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Reader

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called

Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader
People

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 20

Please remain seated

Leader

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

People

Send you help from his holy place and strengthen you out of Zion;

Leader

Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

People

Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

Leader

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests.

People

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Leader

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

People

They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.

Leader

O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

All

God, our hope and defense, protect all those who call upon your name, that they may stand upright in the day of trouble, and share in the victory of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

2nd Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Reader

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord -- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader
People

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Celebrant
All

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
All

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

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."
And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Celebrant

All

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

THE CREED

Celebrant

All

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

Leader

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")

Leader

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

All

Lord hear our prayer.

Leader

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant

All

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.

Celebrant

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The members of the community greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn #244 We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight (All 4 verses)

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound, to call on you where you are near, and seek where you are found:
4. That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant

God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us stewards of creation.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

But we turn against you, and we betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All

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

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

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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 Bread #2

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant 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, now be enthroned in my heart; 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & DOXOLOGY

Celebrant Let us pray,
Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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 Hymn # 485/486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (All verses)

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

3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
4. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
5. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
6. 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.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**