

23 July 2023

11 AM Classic

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Singer: Rob Kinar



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your week!*

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Mission

Learning to follow Jesus Christ.

We're all learners and everybody's welcome, across age and stage, questions and doubts, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender expression, nationality and religious background, economics and ability.

Vision

Transforming lives. In an age of distractions and self-promotion, we seek a different rhythm.

We are choosing authenticity & embracing the unexpected over achieving the illusion of perfection.

Values

Living the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We are devoted to a healthy common life shaped by: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

St. Clement's Connection Card

Scan the QR code to connect with us!



Youth Group (Grades 6-12) gather in the youth room between services from 10:20-10:50am for prayer, laughter and learning to follow Jesus!

For the kids! (Grades JK-5) Join us in Canon Nicholson Hall during the service for prayer, play and time with friends. Children will be brought back to join their families for communion time. If you would rather stay in the sanctuary for the full service, enjoy our Kids' Zone at the front of the church!

Youngest friends! (Younger than JK) Join our Nursery Minister in the St. Clement's nursery to play and move around, or enjoy our Kids' Zone at the front of the church!

Gathering of the Community

Prelude **Concerto in A minor, BWV 593, 2nd movement, *Adagio***
J.S.Bach, after Vivaldi

Welcome

please stand

Hymn 505 ***Be thou my vision***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

please remain standing

Thanksgiving for the Land

Gathering together, we give thanks for the story of the land on which we worship. St. Clement's Church is situated on the territory of the Anishnawbe Confederacy, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Wendat Nation, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This land is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, a Treaty between the Anishnawbe Confederacy, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and allied nations to peaceably care for the life of the Great Lakes. May we live respectfully on the land and seek to walk the path of truth and reconciliation, through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Leader O God of Jacob,

**All you speak in the light of day and in the dark of night when our
 sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth; may we be
 open and watchful to your presence in our midst; through
 Jesus Christ, your dream made flesh. Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

please be seated

Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

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

please remain seated

Psalm 139 vs. 1-12, 23-24

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night",
darkness is not dark to you,
The light is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O god, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

The Acclamation is first demonstrated by a singer.

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Singer: *Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

*please remain standing and turn to face the reader
as the Gospel of Christ is spoken among us*

Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and

gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All:



please be seated

Sermon

Liska Stefko

please remain seated

Cum dederit, from Nisi Dominus

Antonio Vivaldi

Cum dederit dilectis suis somnum,
Ecce haereditas Domini, filii:
Merces, fructus ventris.

*God gives sleep to God's beloved.
Behold the inheritance of the Lord, children:
the fruit of the womb.*

The Creed

please stand

Leader Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

Leader Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**All 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

please stand, sit, or kneel

Let us now offer our prayers to God, the source of all love and life. We welcome you to add your own prayers in the silences as we go along. Please respond to the bidding, "God, in your mercy," with "**Hear our prayer.**"

Confession and Absolution

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

[silence is kept]

Leader Most merciful God,
**All 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.**

Leader 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.**

please stand

The Peace

Leader Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Giving Back to God

We are devoted to a common life shaped by the Fruits of the Spirit. We invite you to join in our community practice of giving back to God as we take up a financial offering.

Ways to give electronically:

- Text the word 'GIVE' to 647-498-7997
- E-transfer to finance@stclementsto.ca (no password required)
- Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving

Thank you for your generosity. To learn more, please visit: www.stclementsto.ca/donate.

Offertory Hymn 520 *The King of love my shepherd is*

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

please remain standing

Leader O God,

All accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

please stand, sit or kneel

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures forever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising and singing,

Sanctus

A Gregory Murray OSB

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. ____

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the

high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name ____

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it forever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In accordance to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his purpose, we declare our faith.

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

Leader Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Leader "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

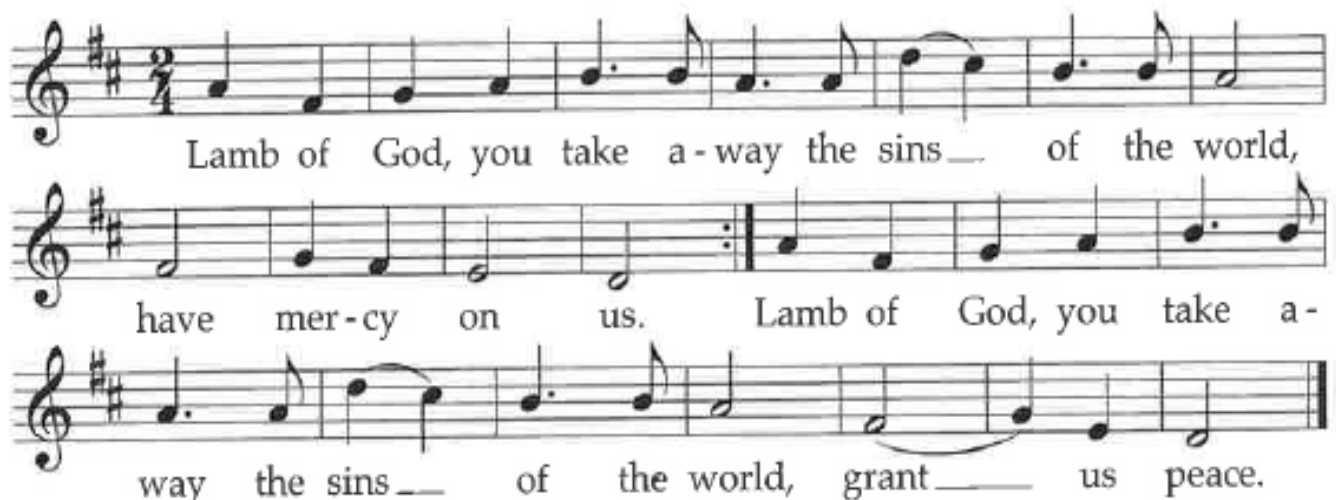
Communion

Receiving bread, wine or blessing are all valued ways of participating around Jesus' table. Bread is received at the two stations at the front of the middle aisle. Let us know if you'd like a gluten-free wafer. If you would like to receive the cup (or touch the cup as a symbolic acknowledgement), please move to the communion minister after receiving bread. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish, communion will be brought to you where you are seated.

Agnus Dei

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Organ **Organ Voluntary in D Minor, Op. 5, No. 8, 2nd movement,**
Adagio **John Stanley**

Communion Hymn 561 ***Lord, your word shall guide us***

Lord, your word shall guide us
and with truth provide us:
teach us to receive it
and with joy believe it.

When our foes are near us,
then your word shall cheer us -
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms distress us
and dark clouds oppress us,
then your word protects us
and its light directs us.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
courage to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you –
evermore be near you!

Prayer after communion

please stand

Leader O God,

All **as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives
be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Leader 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.**

Blessing

Leader The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Announcements

please be seated

We invite you to read this week's **Anchor** (our church newsletter). You can pick up a copy or scan the QR code located on the Welcome Hub.

please stand

Hymn 362 *Tell out, my soul*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

please remain standing

Dismissal

Leader Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

We invite you to join us for refreshments and connection following worship.

**Postlude Organ Voluntary in D Minor, Op. 5, No. 8, 3rd movement, *Allegro*
John Stanley**

Sundays and Pastoral Team

Andrew Federle, Rector
Pamela Rayment, Associate Priest
Liska Stefko, Associate Priest
Mackenzie Wolf, Pastoral Associate for Youth & Children
Daniel Webb, Director of Music
Kelsley Campbell, Facilities Caretaker & Maintenance Coordinator

Lay Leadership

Catherine Nicholson, People's Warden	Bay Ryley, Rector's Warden
Leonard Wong, Deputy People's Warden	Neil Zacharjewicz, Deputy Rector's Warden
Janine White, Past People's Warden	John Swinden, Treasurer

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Deepening Relationships with One Another – Catherine Nicholson, Chair
Reaching Out – Susan Colacitti, Chair
Sustainable Operations – Leonard Wong & Neil Zacharjewicz, Co-chairs
Lay Delegates to Synod – Kiran Ghanekar, Ehsan Hemmatzadeh, Zexia Hylton,
Westmore Smith, Paul Nielsen (alternate)

Ways to Serve

9:30am Cookies & Coffee	TBD
11am Cookies & Coffee	TBD
AV Team	Jim Russell
Chancel Guild	Sherryl Merritt
Children's & Youth Ministry Volunteers	Mackenzie Wolf
Communion Ministers	Owen Johnson
Creation Care	Roger Dickhout
Hospitality Team	Maria Ringo
Outreach Committee	Susan Colacitti
Property Committee	Mark Jackson
Readers & Intercessors	Robin Harmer
Sacristans	Pat Crawford
Small Group Ministry	Andrew Federle
Welcome Team	Robin Harmer, Owen Johnson & Peter Ricketts

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