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## 11 AM Classic

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*Anchor  
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**

***Pastorale***

**Charles Wesley**

**Welcome**

*please stand*

**Hymn 478**

***Almighty God, thy word is cast***

Almighty God, thy word is cast  
like seed upon the ground:  
now let the dew of heaven descend  
and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of righteousness  
this holy seed remove:  
but give it root in every heart,  
to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy:  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.

Oft as the precious seed is sown,  
thy quickening grace bestow,  
that all whose souls the truth receive  
its saving power may know.

*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      Divine Sower,

**All            you scatter your seed generously: may we be rich soil and  
receive your gift so freely given, so that we may revel in love's  
abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of  
life. Amen.**

### ***Proclamation of the Word***

*please be seated*

**Reading:    Isaiah 55:10-13**

Reader:     A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

*please remain seated*

## Psalm 65: 9-14

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.  
You prepare the grain,  
for so you provide for the earth.  
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.  
You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.  
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.  
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## Gospel Acclamation

*please stand*

*The Acclamation is first demonstrated by a singer.*

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Singer: *The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live forever.*

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

**Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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 sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other

seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeller    The Gospel of Christ.

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

**All:**



*please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Mackenzie Wolf*

*please remain seated*

**Aria                      *Nun beut die Flur das frische Grün***

**F.J.Haydn**  
Sung by Emily Parker

Nun beut die Flur das frische Grün  
Dem Auge zur Ergötzung dar.  
Den anmutsvollen Blick  
Erhöht der Blumen sanfter Schmuck.  
Hier duften Kräuter Balsam aus,  
Hier sproßt den Wunden Heil.  
Die Zweige krümmt der goldnen Früchte Last;  
Hier wölbt der Hain zum kühlen Schirme sich,  
Den steilen Berg bekrönt ein dichter Wald.

*Delightful to the ravish'd sense;  
By flowers sweet and gay  
Enhanced is the charming sight.  
Here fragrant herbs their odours shed;  
With copious fruit the expanded  
boughs are hung;  
Here shoots the healing plant;  
In leafy arches twine the shady groves;  
O'er lofty hills majestic forests wave.*

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stclementsto.ca/donate).*

### **Offertory Hymn 393 *Immortal, invisible***

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*please remain standing*

Leader Gracious God,

**All your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive  
all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the  
sake of 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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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 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.**

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

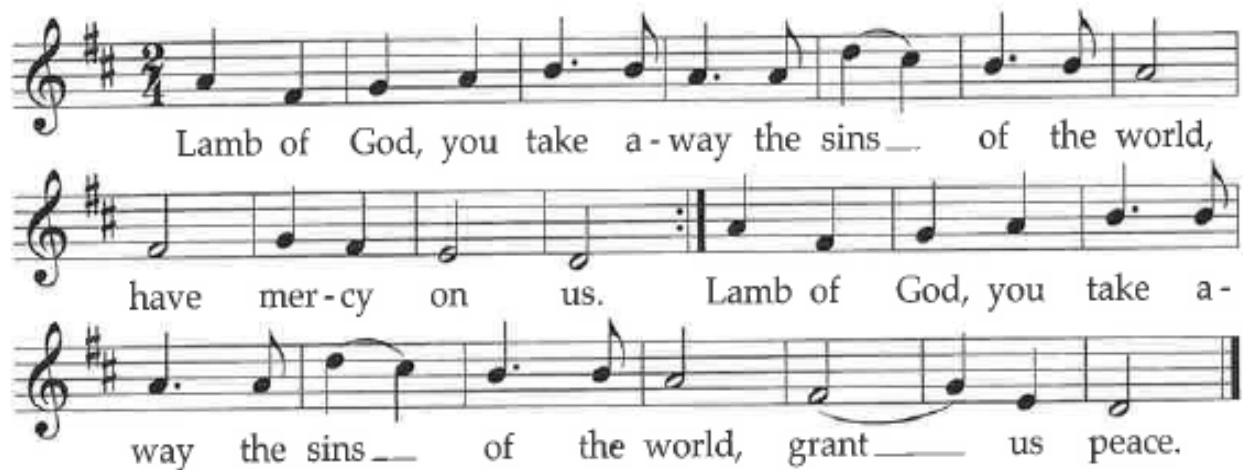
## Communion

*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**      *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731*

**J.S.Bach**

## **Communion Hymn 446**

***Word of God, come down on earth***

Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heaven descending:  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heaven to die,  
crucified for our salvation;  
saving Word, the world restoring,  
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness.  
Deaf we are: our healer be;  
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken;  
heal the world, our sin broken.

Word that speaks God's tender love,  
one with God beyond all telling;  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling;  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

### **Prayer after communion**

*please stand*

Leader Living God,

**All in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 398    *Let us with a gladsome mind***

Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, forever kind:

*Refrain*  
*for his mercies aye endure,*  
*ever faithful, ever sure.*

Who with all-commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light:  
*Refrain*

Who the golden-tressèd sun  
caused all day his course to run:  
*Refrain*

All things living God doth feed,  
with full hand supplies their need:  
*Refrain*

Let us then with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, forever kind:  
*Refrain*

*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    *Prelude & Fugue in G, BWV557***

**J.S.Bach**



## **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                   |

## **Parish Council**

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Engagement through Christian Education – Claus & Heather Lenk, Co-chairs  
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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