

Communion *The bread and the wine will be served by Intinction*

Prayer after Communion (together)

May the momentum of the Jesus movement strengthen and enable us to capture the Spirit of His words, and live out the implications of those words in our own time with our own creativity. Amen.

Hymn **Sent Forth by God's Blessing** **VU481**

Parting Words

There is a season for everything in creation,

A time for dying and a time for rebirth.

A time for laughter and a time for tears,

A time for courage and a time for fear.

A time to talk and a time to be still,

A time alone. A time for romance.

A time to welcome and to send away,

A time to break rules. A time to behave.

A time to search and a time to find,

A time to begin...

and a time to end.

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Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude

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July 9, 2017/5th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

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Musical Prelude

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of the Community Candle

Opening Sentences: (responsive)

We are called to celebrate, not just by words spoken, but also by miracles recalled:

a baby's first cry, the petals of a rose, mist-covered hills, the restless tides of the seas, human love, human hope.

We respond with gratitude:

with joy, with wonder, at life's boundless possibilities.

Opening Prayer (together)

Blossom of Love; give us courage and an open spirit as we consider the life and teachings of Jesus. May we feel an invitational embrace beckoning us to fullness of life where we celebrate beauty and engage the causes of suffering. May it be so. Amen.

Sharing the Peace:

One: The peace of God is here...to stay.

All: Thanks be to God.

(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.)

Hymn: Come in, Come in and Sit Down VU395

Children's Time

Hymn We Have This Ministry VU510

Offering Invitation

Offering

Wonderful Words of Life

Offertory Hymn Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU537

Offertory Prayer (together)

God of splendour, Your goodness sustains us and Your graciousness gives us hope. Use us and these gifts to further Your way of love, hope and justice. Amen.

Centering Silence

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Rebekah is found as a wife for Isaac

Hebrew Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:8-13
A love song

Solo I Need Thee Every Hour

Gospel Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
My yoke is easy; my burden is light

Hymn I Am the Dream MV106

Meditation

Hymn All Who Hunger VU460

Celebrating Community: Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Thanksgiving

We give thanks...beyond all imagining, in our universe.

We give thanks.

Everything we have...

Especially we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth

In him we see the presentness of God, urging all of us to make its creativity on earth more visible.

And we pray together as he taught us, **Our Father...**

Presence at work in our lives, in the ordinary, in the everyday,
and in our desire to love as generously as Jesus loved.

Bread and Wine