

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, October 9, 2022

8:00am: Said Eucharist

The order of service is found in the leaflet provided.

The Collects, Epistle, and Gospel are on p. 620 & 244 in the Book of Common Prayer

Sermon Series, “Living the Baptismal Covenant” at the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

Theme of the day: “Proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ”

Preacher: Canon John Hill.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

For most of us, Thanksgiving will be different this year. It will be the first time since the first shut-down in March 2020 (the start of the COVID-19 pandemic) that there will not be a limit placed on the number of persons allowed to sit around the turkey. For that we are THANKFUL!

My granny “raised” my brother and me while our parents lived in England. She was very clear that she had a sacred responsibility and that she would do her best. One of her tasks was to teach us manners, for “manners maketh man”. That was her mantra. She insisted that we should always “say thanks when someone gives you something. It is good manners”.

Thankfulness is more than an act of good manners. It ought to be a major component of our lives. During the Thanksgiving holiday, we focus on our blessings (usually stated in material things) and express our thankfulness to God for them. When thankfulness becomes an integral part of our life, our attitude towards life changes.

Without thankfulness and gratitude, in our lives, we become self-centered, bitter, and idolatrous. Idolatry begins when we reject what we know about God. Instead of looking to God as the Creator and sustainer of life, we see ourselves as the center of the universe. A life of thankfulness is an attitude toward God, toward life, and toward other people.

There is a legend about a man who found the barn where Satan kept his seeds ready to be sown in the human heart, and on finding the seeds of discouragement more numerous than others, he learned that those seeds could be made to grow almost anywhere. When Satan was questioned, he reluctantly admitted that there was one place in which he could never get the seeds of discouragement to thrive. 'And where is that?' asked the man. Satan replied sadly, “In the heart of a grateful person.”

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Canon Stephen +
Sub-Dean & Vicar

Harvest Thanksgiving at St. James Cathedral

We thank the Cathedral community for joining us in spreading joy and thankfulness by sharing your messages of gratitude to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day Messages

“Happy Thanksgiving Day! I am grateful for loving God & Canada.”

“I am grateful for the beauty of God’s creation.”

“Thanking God for his faithfulness and mercies.”

“I am grateful that I am a beloved creature of God no matter what.”

“We are grateful for setting up this Thanksgiving Day messages box.”

“Thank you for all our blessings, we have peace, we have food, and we have friends.”

“Thank you for the people of St. James Cathedral and the opportunity to learn and serve together.”

“I am very thankful for my home, my friends, and having enough good food and water every day.”

“I am grateful for being part of St. James Cathedral community of faith.”

“Thank you for God’s gift of music in all its forms, especially singing.”

“I am thankful and grateful to Almighty God for health, strength, for my family, friends, and for St. James Cathedral for the guidance and spiritual insight.”

“I am grateful for my wife; she supports me in everything.”

“I am grateful for good health, my family, and all the miracles big and small in my life.”

“I am grateful for the joy and wonder of life itself.”

“I am extremely thankful for all the things I have prayed for that have come to fruition. God is GOOD.”

Please, join us in a Prayer of Gratitude:

“Loving Lord, as I express my gratitude to you in prayer, may it be a pleasing, joyful sound to you. Thank you, Lord, for your love. It brings me acceptance and significance.

Thank you, Lord, for your truth. It brings me guidance and direction.

Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. It brings me help and comfort.

Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness. It brings me stability and strength.

Thank you, Lord, for your beauty displayed in the earth. It brings me joy and delight.

Thank you, Lord, for your way of redemption - the cross. It brings me salvation and regeneration.”

By Beth McLendon

THIS WEEK

St. Bartholomew's, Regent Park News

Join St. Bart's, Regent Park on **Tuesday, 11 October at 6:15pm**, for a Solemn Requiem for the repose of the soul of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Homilist: Father Hannam. Music: Missa pro defunctis, Jacobus Clemens non Papa (ca. 1510-1556)

The Bishop's Company Dinner: October 14, 2022 at 8:00pm

The Bishop's Company brings to life our commitment to walk with each other in Christ. The Diocese of Toronto invites you to The Bishop's Company Cabaret, now in its third year. They are proud to highlight the musical talent in the Diocese and bring everyone together in support of the clergy who do so much for us.

More info: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/events/bishops-company-cabaret/>

Welcome & Farewell

Next Sunday, we will welcome **The Very Rev'd Peter Wall** as our Interim Dean & Priest in Charge. His appointment takes effect on October 15. We are eagerly looking forward to his ministry among us during this time of transition.

On Sunday, October 30, we will say "au revoir" to **Mother Claire Latimer-Dennis**. During the month of August, she began her new ministry as Chaplain at Bishop Strachan School. Please join us as she presides at her last services with us and then greet her at coffee hour.

Next Sunday, October 16 is *FaithWorks Sunday*

Join us for morning services as we welcome Mr. Peter Mentis, *FaithWorks* Campaign Manager, and parishioner, as guest preacher.

FaithWorks is a charitable programme of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto which offers support to Ministry Partners as they serve those in need. For more information about *FaithWorks* visit faithworks.ca

Visiting choir at Evensong next Sunday, October 16 at 4:30pm

We are delighted to welcome the Choir of Grace Church on-the-Hill. They will join our own Evensong Choir to sing the 'Gloucester' service by Herbert Howells and 'Expectans Expectavi' by Charles Wood. All are most welcome!

November 2: A Service to Commemorate Our Departed Loved Ones

Please note that this year, our **All Souls' Service** will take place at the Cathedral on **All Souls' Day – Wednesday, November 2, at 12:15pm**. Join us as we gather for this service of Holy Eucharist to remember those who died from last year and beyond. All welcome, more details to come.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only

Tuesday – Friday at 8:30am

Contact info@stjamescathedral.ca to receive the Zoom link or view Morning Prayer via the **Cathedral YouTube channel**

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Tuesday – Friday

Services take place in the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

MONDAY: October 10

The Cathedral clergy and staff will be off for Thanksgiving Day.

Led by The Rev. Dr. David Danner, the Sermon Discussion Group on Zoom, will not meet on October 10 (Thanksgiving Day) but will resume on October 17 at the usual time.

TUESDAY: October 11, Organ Recital Series at 1:00pm

Please, join us at St. James Cathedral to enjoy a 40-minute concert by Dr. John Vandertuin. All are welcome. Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAYS: Scripture Circle at 11:00am

You are invited to join the Scripture Circle as we gather to explore Mark's Gospel together. Please contact Canon Beth Benson for more information at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca

FRIDAY:

Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm: Our Cathedral opens its doors for guests to come in for a meal in Snell Hall.

Fr. David Hoopes, OHC, Pastoral Associate, will serve as "Priest-in-Residence" on Fridays for the foreseeable future. He will be available for any matters that may require attention by a priest.

SATURDAY: Pre-recorded Morning Prayer - 8:30am:

Watch it online through the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

VISIT US:

The Cathedral is open Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(Also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135)

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

**Readings for next Sunday,
October 16:**

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Psalm 119: 97-104

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Luke 18: 1-8

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