

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, July 2, 2023

***Summer Worship Schedule:** Starting this Sunday, July 2 through September 3 inclusive, we will have services at **8:00am, 10:00am, and 4:30pm.** Our Sunday **Children's Program** will continue at **10:00am** and **Coffee Hour** will follow the **10:00am service.**

***Welcome to all visitors, including members of the RCCO conference.**

Happy Canada Day



What a great gift we have in this country, and how good it is to celebrate 156 years of Canadian confederation.

While it is often too easy to focus on the many problems or concerns we have as Canadians and there are many which demand our best efforts, minds, and resources to address, we cannot overlook the great goodness which is ours in this country.

I have been fortunate to travel extensively – in all ten provinces, from coast to coast to coast. (I still need to get to the Territories!). This land is vast, unparalleled in beauty, abundantly blessed with natural resources, home to so many people from so many places, and a genuinely incredible place to live and to call home.

We are so very fortunate, as a country, to have incredible resources and means to continue to build a country in which human dignity, reconciliation, justice, and meaningful partnerships can thrive. Are we perfect? Absolutely not. Do we still have a long way to go? For sure.

But those of us who may have grown up during the fifties and the sixties look around us and see how far we have come. There are all sorts of ways in which we need to keep our eyes on the prize; in which we need to continue to commit ourselves to creating a fair and just society for all, but I do believe that there is, under all the griping and finger pointing in which we sometimes spend too much of our time, a genuine sense of moving forward together in good and life-giving ways.

As I was marching in the Pride Parade last weekend, I was deeply moved by the rich variety (a kaleidoscope, if you will) of people lining the parade route – all the wonderful rainbow of God's creation, and how proud I was, as a Canadian, of this blessed country we have the great privilege to call home.

Happy Canada Day – may we all take a moment to be grateful! Thanks be to God!

Peter Wall - Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

STAY UP TO DATE

Artist-in-Residence: Silas Friesen



We are delighted to be singing music by our new Artist-in-Residence at SJC, Silas Friesen. Watch video on the Cathedral YouTube Channel (youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)

As you will hear on the video, Silas is a fabulous composer and arranger. He is also a trumpet player, and a theologian, currently studying at Tyndale College. This new arrangement, called 'Song of Invitation', is a motet for the time of Pentecost. It is based upon music and text by Mike Janzen. The video features the combined talents of members of the cathedral choir in rehearsal, with Tom Bell playing flute, and Nathan Jeffrey on the podium. Thank you, Silas, for your music. We look forward to your music ringing round the rafters of the Cathedral this year and beyond.

Silas Friesen is a Toronto-based multi-instrumentalist, arranger, composer, and educator from a musical family of eight. Active in multiple idioms, Silas is frequently commissioned by the Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra. When the pandemic curtailed live music, he formed the Silas Friesen Virtual Jazz Orchestra to record a trio of his pieces. Silas is currently pursuing graduate theological study at Tyndale Seminary and is one of the Music Coordinators at Little Trinity Anglican Church.

Mark your calendar! Friday, September 22 at 7:30pm: Inaugural Recital on the new organ console



We are delighted that **Organist David Briggs** will play the inaugural recital on the new organ console. David is regarded as one of the world's finest improvisors, with a very busy schedule on both sides of the Atlantic.

He has held appointments at Hereford, Truro, and Gloucester Cathedrals, and – we are happy to have this association – for a number of years as **Artist in Residence at St. James Cathedral**.

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of this beautiful new console, a generous gift which will enhance our musical life for many years to come. Tickets: \$25 (General seating)

***Eventbrite:** (Scan QR code) or search for Recital David Briggs Concert on eventbrite.ca

For more information, please send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416) 364-7865.



WE COUNT ON YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Welcome to Summer Services: Here we go!



A slightly different and somewhat more relaxed summer schedule of Sunday worship is upon us.

One main service at **10:00am** gives us a chance to bring our 'two' congregations – 9:00am and 11:00am – together for 10 weeks.

We are grateful to Tom and the choir, to our indefatigable property staff, and to all our liturgical 'actors' for being part of this new rhythm. I look forward to your feedback and responses.

We will return, on September 10, to the normal practice of our services.

Do not forget the wonders of **Choral Evensong** – one of our most treasured liturgies – **each Sunday at 4:30pm** – beautiful music and words; a grace filled way to mark the beautiful summer's Sunday afternoon! Enjoy it all!

Patronal Festival BBQ – Sunday, July 23, following the 10:00am service



Join us for a celebration of the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. James! Immediately after the 10:00am service, we will gather on the Cathedral's West Lawn for food, fun, and fellowship. **We are also looking for volunteers** to help prepare, serve food, or help with clean-up. If you are interested, send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865.

Call for Volunteers – Children's Ministry - Patronal Festival BBQ



We are looking for 12 volunteers for approximately 30-60 minutes during the BBQ to help supervise the games which have been planned for the children. We are also in need of **2 kiddie pools and 12 buckets** for our children's games. If you have these items (or wish to donate them), please send an email at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca. We are grateful for the support of our Children's Ministry and thank you for your willingness to help. If you are interested in helping with the Children's games at the Cathedral BBQ on July 23, please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL: July 3-9

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Tuesday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Tuesday to Friday in St. George's Chapel.

Dean and Vicar away: Interim Dean Peter Wall and Vicar Stephen Fields are away in Calgary for The Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod, as well as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) National Convention, which wraps up today.

The Vicar returns on July 4.

Following Synod, Interim Dean Peter will be on holiday. He returns July 21.



Canada Day holiday:

The clergy and staff will be off for the Canada Day holiday on Monday, July 3.

VISIT US: July 3-9

The Cathedral is open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am–3:00pm.

The Cathedral Centre offices are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

TUESDAY: Our Tuesday Organ Recitals are not taking place through July and August. We'll be back in September, each week, for the full year.

WEDNESDAY: Scripture Circle continues at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

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.

SUNDAY: Our Sunday Children's Program will continue at 10:00am and Coffee Hour will follow the 10:00am service.

Next Sunday, July 9: Young Adults' Group Hosts Coffee Hour

The Young Adults' Group will be hosting coffee hour on July 9, following the 10:00am service. Please join them to learn more about the mission and activities of the Young Adults' Group and what they have planned for the coming months.

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, July 9

8:00am: Said Eucharist

10:00am: Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135).*

4:30pm: Choral Evensong *(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).*

Readings for next Sunday, July 9

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45: 11-18

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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