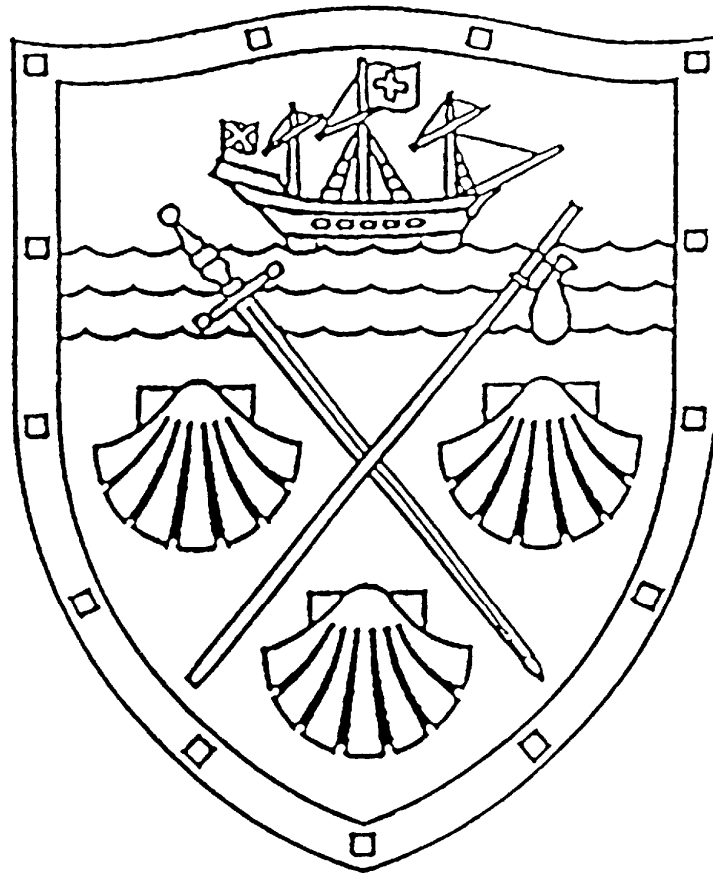


# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 20, 2023*

*Choral Evensong at 4:30pm*



*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
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## Welcome to St. James Cathedral

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### Liturgical Note

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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

*Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this afternoon.  
Please ensure that cell phones are turned off.*

## **Choral Evensong**

### **Prelude**

*Please remain seated.*

### **Introit O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord**

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name  
From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart: He makes His mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

*Please stand, as you are able, when the organ plays.*

### **Preces and Responses**

*Humphrey Clucas*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

*Please be seated.*

### **Psalm 145**

*Chants by T. Hanforth*

*Choir* I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is beyond all searching out.  
One generation shall praise your works to another  
and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,  
and I will also tell of your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.  
The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
long-suffering and of great goodness.  
The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.  
All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your mighty power,  
To make known to all peoples your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
The Lord is sure in all his words  
and faithful in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand  
and fill all things living with plenty.  
The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and loving in all his works.  
The Lord is near to those who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him faithfully.  
He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.  
The Lord watches over those who love him,  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**First Lesson**

*Please be seated.*

*Judges 16: 15-31*

*Reader*

Then Delilah said to Samson, ‘How can you say, “I love you”, when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me three times now and have not told me what makes your strength so great.’ Finally, after she had nagged him with her words day after day, and pestered him, he was tired to death. So he told her his whole secret, and said to her, ‘A razor has never come upon my head; for I have been a nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If my head were shaved, then my strength would leave me; I would become weak, and be like anyone else.’

When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, ‘This time come up, for he has told his whole secret to me.’ Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hands. She let him fall asleep on her lap; and she called a man, and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. He began to weaken, and his strength left him. Then she said, ‘The Philistines are upon you, Samson!’ When he awoke from his sleep, he thought, ‘I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free.’ But he did not know that the Lord had left him. So the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles; and he ground at the mill in the prison. But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to rejoice; for they said, ‘Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.’ When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, ‘Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.’ And when their hearts were merry, they said, ‘Call Samson, and let him entertain us.’ So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. They made him stand between the pillars; and Samson said to the attendant who held him by the hand, ‘Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, so that I may lean against them.’ Now the house was full of men and women; all the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about three thousand men and women, who looked on while Samson performed.

Then Samson called to the Lord and said, 'Lord God, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God, so that with this one act of revenge I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes.' And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. Then Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines.' He strained with all his might; and the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed during his life. Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel for twenty years.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Magnificat**      *Please stand, as you are able.*      *Evening Canticles, The Third Service –  
Thomas Weelkes*

*Choir* My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things;  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## Second Lesson

*Please be seated.*

*John 5: 30-47*

*Reader* Jesus said, 'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Nunc Dimittis** *Please stand, as you are able.*

*Evening Canticles, The Third Service –  
Thomas Weelkes*

*Choir* Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## **Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant* I believe in God  
*All* **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Our Father

*Choir* 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the King;

*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Officiant* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people;  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O Lord.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collects**

*Officiant* God of the nations, all are invited to your table, for in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy our hunger and mercifully extend to all people the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

*Choir* Amen.

*Officiant* O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Choir* Amen.

*Officiant* Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Choir* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### **Anthem Behold the Tabernacle of God**

Sir William Harris

*Choir* Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you,  
and the Spirit God dwelleth within you.  
For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.  
For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple  
with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

### **Homily**

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*Please stand, as you are able.*

Tune: Arfon Major

### **Hymn at the Collection**

Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son,  
sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and eternal One.  
God has made us, and has blessed us, and has called us to be true;  
God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn;  
when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon.  
Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,  
for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows,

praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice,  
praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice.  
Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
living God, sustaining Spirit—be thy holy name adored!

Text: R.B.Y. Scott, alt.;  
Music: Melody Welsh trad.

### **Offertory Prayer**

*Officiant* All things come from you, O Lord.

*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

*Officiant* Source of all goodness, Giver of all things, accept these gifts of our labour and love. Consecrate them for the work of your church in the world, and may our lives, like these offerings, be spent for the sake of the continued in-breaking of your reign of justice and peace. In Christ we pray.

*People* **Amen.**

## Prayers

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

### A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

*Officiant* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

### The Grace

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### Final Respond

*Edward Woodall Naylor*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you;

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir* Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*The Flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.*

*At the Pulpit Standard, in loving memory of  
Mary Jane Bray*

*Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Jesse Parker*

*First Reader: William Cowling • Second Reader: Ruth Davis*

*Music Director & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Nathan Jeffery*

*Guest Organist: Jean-Paul Feo*

*Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens*

*Sung by The Evensong Choir of St. James Cathedral*

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