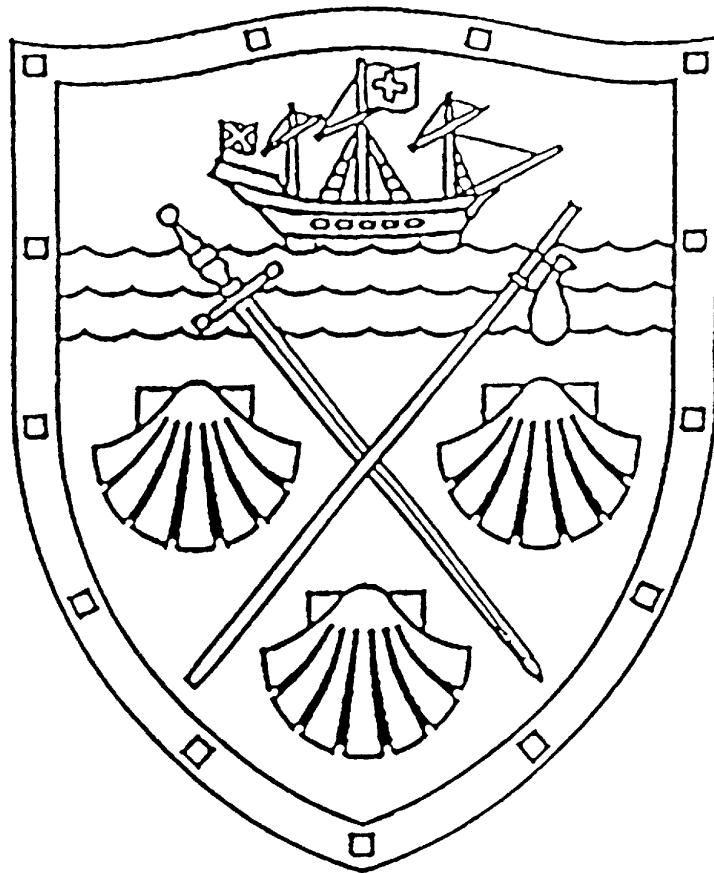


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023
Choral Evensong at 4:30pm



The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami / Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Liturgical Note

In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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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 muted.*

Choral Evensong

Prelude

Please remain seated.

Introit Jesu! The Very Thought is Sweet

Charles Wood

Jesu! the very thought is sweet;
In that dear name all heart-joys meet;
No word is sung more sweet than this,
No sound is heard more full of bliss,
Than Jesus, Jesus, Son of God most high.

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

Preces and Responses

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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 34

Chant by C.F. South

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.
Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken.
But evil shall slay the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

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.

Please be seated.

Ester 3: 1-4: 3

First Lesson

Reader

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did obeisance to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance. Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, 'Why do you disobey the king's command?' When they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would avail; for he had told them that he was a Jew. When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman was infuriated. But he thought it beneath him to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, having been told who Mordecai's people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur—which means 'the lot'—before Haman for the day and for the month, and the lot fell on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, 'There is a certain people scattered and separated among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasuries.' So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. The king said to Haman, 'The money is given to you, and the people as well, to do with them as it seems good to you.'

Then the king's secretaries were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and an edict, according to all that Haman commanded, was written to the king's satraps and to the governors over all the provinces and to the officials of all the peoples, to every province in its own script and every people in its own language; it was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's ring. Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces, giving orders to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Evening Service in G— Herbert Sumsion

Magnificat

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.

Please be seated.

Second Lesson

Luke 3: 7-18

Reader John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Evening Service in G— Herbert Sumsion

Nunc Dimittis

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.

Choir 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 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 O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
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 O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long

David Briggs

Choir O Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world lies hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last.
Amen.

Text: John Henry Newman

Homily

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Please stand, as you are able.

Tune: Stand Up

Hymn at the Collection

The heavens proclaim God's glory,
the skies sing out in praise,
extolling their Creator
through endless nights and days.
More eloquent than language,
more radiant than the sun,
this message of God's splendour
is meant for everyone.

The law of God is perfect,
its precepts always right,
revealing timeless wisdom,
providing life and light –
no gold could be so precious,
no honey taste as sweet;
and those who yield obedience
will find their joy complete.

Forgive my secret failures,
the faults I do not know;

from wilful sins protect me,
and ways I should not go.
May all my meditations,
my every thought and word,
be fashioned for your pleasure,
my Saviour and my Lord.

Martin Leckebusch, based on Psalm 19
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Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, mindful of the blessings of this and all our days, we present these gifts with thankful hearts and joyful praise. May this money and our lives be used for the benefit of others as your reign of justice and mercy finds expression in the world, redeemed by the sacrificial love of your Christ. In whose name 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 High Altar, in loving memory of
Ethel M. Strathy, Colin M.A. Strathy, Q.C.;
Gerald B. Strathy, Q.C.; Mabel Theodora Strathy;
G.H.K. (Pat) Strathy, R.C.N.R. & Susan Strathy Wilson*

*At the St. John's Altar, in loving memory of
Catherine Butters*

Officiant: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

First Reader: Ruth Davis • Second Reader: David Butters

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

Guest Organist: David Briggs

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens

Sung by The Evensong Choir of St. James Cathedral

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