

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 28, 2024 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, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. 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 (also called Israelites) 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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Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week both at the 9:00am and 11:00am service. Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit. Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

Join us following the 9:00am and 11:00am service.

Parking

There are a variety of inexpensive parking lots available around the Cathedral.

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Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon David Brinton

First Reader: Lucy Fields • Second Reader: Philippa Campsie

Sidespersons: Samanda Shu & Quentin Toderick

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

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens

Sung by The Evensong Choir of St. James Cathedral

The Flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Mr. Philip and Mrs. Joane Noble

Camillo and Maria Fantini

Dr. Rachel Thaysil Mathew Eappen

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this afternoon.

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

Choral Evensong

Prelude Short Prelude in F

C. V. Stanford

Please remain seated.

Introit Blessed are the True Pure in Heart

Henry Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart;

And for His cradle and His throne

Chooseth the pure in heart.

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

Preces and Responses

C. V. Stanford

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 8

Chant by C. V. Stanford

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained, What is man, that you should be mindful of him;

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the son of man, that you should seek him out?

You have made him little lower than the angels and crown him with glory and honour.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under his feet,

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Psalm 84

Chant by C. V. Stanford

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house:

they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

They will go from strength to strength and appear before God in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts

is better than a thousand.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord God of hosts,

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

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.

First Lesson Isaiah 51:9-16

Reader

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over? So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I, I am he who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die, a human being who fades like grass? You have forgotten the Lord, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. You fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction. But where is the fury of the oppressor? The oppressed shall speedily be released; they shall not die and go down to the Pit, nor shall they lack bread. For I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord of hosts is his name. I have put my words in your mouth, and hidden you in the shadow of my hand, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Magnificat

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in A-C. V. Stanford

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.

Mark 8:22-30

Reader

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even go into the village.'

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in A-C. V. Stanford

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 God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out

of the darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with your in the unity of the Hely Spirit, and Cod, now, and for ever

with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 To be a Pilgrim

Thomas Bell

Choir We would true valour see,

'Gainst all disaster; Let us in constancy, Follow the Master

There's no discouragement Shall make us once relent Our first avowed intent

To be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset us round
With dismal stories
Do but themselves confound;
Our strength the more is.
No foes shall stay our might,
Though we with giants fight,
We will make good our right
To be a pilgrim.

When creeping thoughts and fears Weave through the darkness, Who but our Lord is near, Each snare to expose, In Him we'll put our trust, All doubt shall turn to dust We'll take the road we must, To be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend Can daunt our spirit, We know we at the end Shall life inherit. Then fancies fly away, We'll fear not what they say, We'll labor night and day To be a pilgrim.

Homily

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

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Tune: Sandys

Hymn at the Collection

Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see, and what I do in anything to do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass, on it may stay his eye; or, if he pleaseth, through it pass, and then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake; nothing can be so mean which with this tincture, "For thy sake," will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause makes drudgery divine: who sweeps a room, as for thy laws, makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold; for that which God doth touch and own cannot for less be told.

Text: George Herbert; Music: English carol melody; Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern, by William Sandys

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.

Edward Woodall Naylor

Final Respond

Officiant The Lord be with you; Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude Passacaglia in D Minor Buxtehude

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:
The Anglican Church of Southern
Africa; Susan Johnson, National
Bishop, and the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada; Holland Deanery
And The York Group

PASTORAL CARE

If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with our Sub-Dean & Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: sfields@stjamescathedral.ca; 416-364-7865, ext. *235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865, ext. *237

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, January 28, 2024

- *Children & Families: Sunday school meets at 9:00am & 11:00am services.
- *Coffee Hour: Following 9:00am & 11:00am services.
- *Visit us: The Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Saturday.
- *Last call: Pick up your 2024 offering envelopes today in the West aisle. Thank you.

Talk with Dean Stephen Hance: His life and ministry.



What did you do before you became Dean at St. James Cathedral? I was formerly the National Lead for Evangelism and Witness for the Church of England. I was until 2019 the Dean of Derby. I trained for the ministry at St. John's Nottingham and was ordained in Portsmouth Diocese where I served his curacy at St. Jude's Southsea. I then served as Team Vicar of St. Saviour's Hanley Road (London Diocese) before moving to Southwark Diocese in 1999, where I was Vicar of Ascension Balham Hill and then Director of Mission and Evangelism for the Diocese and Canon Missioner at the Cathedral.

What studies do you have? I have a BSc in Sociology from Portsmouth University (where I also met my wife Jacqui), a BTh and MA from Nottingham University, a DMin from Asbury Theological Seminary (USA), and a Masters in Public Administration from Birmingham University.

What were your responsibilities in the wider Church of England and beyond? I have been a member of General Synod, a member of the Council of Intercontinental Church Society, a trustee of Just Earth, President of the Alumni Council of Asbury Theological Seminary, and founder/convener of the Cathedrals and Growth Network.

Tell us about your family: My wife is Jacqui, and we have three adult children, Eliott, Simeon, and Isaac. We enjoy the theatre, friendship, hospitality, and God's creation.

What are you passionate about? I am passionate about the Church, the mission of God in the world, and enabling people to flourish.

What song cheers you up? Anything by The Beatles.

How would you describe your experience of God in one word? Constant.

How do you see St. James Cathedral in the coming years? As the Cathedral fit for the city of Toronto. A place where all the cultures of this city are celebrated, a hub for the arts, and a player and leader in the city in terms of building the common good and a place where people discover faith and Jesus.

A brief message from the Dean to our cathedral community: Thank you for your welcome and for making us feel at home. I am so grateful to be here, and we have an exciting journey to go on together.

Becoming the Story we Tell

Making an Intentional Lenten Journey

The Season of Lent is a gift intended especially for those who are turning to the way of Christ in some new way. Maybe your Christian faith has been a private affair – until now. If this is the moment for you to become intentional about following the way of Jesus, to find out how, talk to Canon John Hill, or email bst@stjamescathedral.ca

Seminar on the Gospel in Lent on Wednesdays Jan. 31 and Feb. 7

This seminar will explore Jesus' determination to take his Gospel of the Kingdom of God up to Jerusalem, as the context for the Sunday Gospels. Join us at 11:00am or 7:00pm in person at Cathedral Centre or online by requesting the Zoom link at bst@stjamescathedral.ca

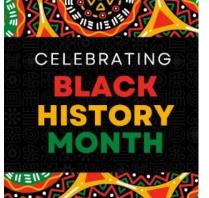
Join a Small Group for reflection through Lent and Eastertide

Lent and Eastertide will be an opportunity for us to enter more deeply into the mystery of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you want to join, register now. Small groups will begin the week of February 18.

*Registration forms are available starting today: Please ask the Stewards/Sidespeople to give you a form after the service or at coffee hour in Snell Hall. Please fill out the form and return it to the Stewards/Sidespeople or Canon John Hill before Sunday, February 11.

*For online registration: Please send an email with your name and contact number and indicate your preferences: Daytime or evening group; Zoom or in-person meeting; and indicate if you want to participate as a household (children are also welcome to participate). For more information talk to Canon John Hill or email bst@stjamescathedral.ca

Sunday, February 25: Black History Month at St. James Cathedral



Black History Month begins on February 1st. The theme for this year is "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, a Future to Build".

A small group of volunteers is working to put together a small event to conclude Black History Month on **Sunday, February 25 after the 11:00am service.** If you are interested in being a part of the group already working on this event, please send an email to Yosola at yosiegal@notmail.com, Wairimu at wrmndt@gmail.com, or Dunstan at morgan5591@rogers.com Stay tuned for more details!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next Sunday, February 4 at 9:00am &11:00am: Ministry of SSJD

We will welcome Archbishop Fred Hiltz and The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert.

Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



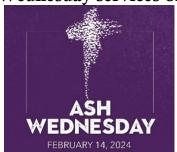
Mark the last day before Lent with a pancake supper. Gather your friends and family. There will be activities for kids, music, and more! This is a free event & donations are welcome.

RSVP: Eventbrite, <u>info@stjamescathedral.ca</u>, (416)364-7865, or add your information to the list at the back of the Cathedral.

Call for volunteers: To help with set-up, serving, and clean-up from 4:00pm-8:30pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact us or sign the volunteer list at the back of the Cathedral.

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Services

Last year's crosses make this year's ashes. Next Sunday, please bring your crosses from last Palm Sunday to be burnt on Sunday, February 11 at 10:30am and prepared for Ash Wednesday services on February 14.



All services include the Imposition of Ashes.

• 7:30am: Said Eucharist

• 12:15pm: Sung Eucharist

• 6:30pm: Choral Eucharist (also on the Cathedral YouTube channel).

The Cathedral will also be open for prayer on Ash Wednesday from 7:30am – 7:30pm

Thursday, February 22 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James



Early Music at St. James is a new concert series initiative to present 45-minute performances on historical instruments in St. George's Chapel. *Artist: Louise Hung, Virginal.* Admission by donation. Enjoy an opportunity to hear soloists and small ensembles perform historical repertoire right in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Sunday, March 10: Vestry meeting 2024 after the 10:00am service



Only on Sunday, March 10, we will have one main service at 10:00am and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service. Vestry Meeting will be chaired by our new Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. A light lunch will be served. More information to come. Stay tuned. The Wardens.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel Monday to Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

VISIT US:

The Cathedral is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm.

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

TUESDAY:

Organ recital on January 30 at 1:00pm. Organist: Imre Olah.

Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY:

The Scripture Circle gathers at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre. All are welcome.

FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

We welcome our guests in Snell Hall for a nutritious meal.

SUNDAY:

*Children & Families: Our Sunday Children's Program meets at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

*Coffee Hour: Following the 9:00am and the 11:00am services.

St. James Cemetery: Wednesday, February 7 at 11:00am: Monthly Eucharist at the Chapel of St. James-The-Less at St. James Cemetery 635 Parliament Street, Toronto.

*Plots, services, and products available. **Contact:** 416-964-9194 www.stjamescemetery.ca

Sunday Services – February 4, 2024

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist (also live-streamed on the Cathedral You Tube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

11:00am: Choral Eucharist (also live-streamed on the Diocesan

You Tube channel at youtube.com/anglicandioto).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong (also live-streamed on the Cathedral

YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

Readings for February 4:

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Mal 3:1-4

Ps 84

Heb. 2:14-14

Luke 2:22-40

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