



# **Presentation of the Lord**

*February 4, 2024*

*Choral Eucharist at 11:00am*

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

## **Welcome to St. James Cathedral**

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### **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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## Today at St. James

*Presiding Celebrant: The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz*

*Homilist: The Reverend Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert*

*Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson*

*Sub-Deacon: Paul Seddon • Anointer: The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger*

*First Reader: George McNeillie • Second Reader: Richard Harrop*

*Intercessor: Kate Uchendu • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT*

*Sidespersons: Kate Uchendu, Quentin Toderick, Ed McBride, Bill Benson & Wairimu Nduati*

*Communion Ministers: Ruth Davis, Leslie Laing & Gordon Robison*

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

*Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral*

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***Welcome!** We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning.*

*Please ensure that cell phones are muted.*

***Please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable during the service,  
including times of prayer.***

Today we welcome The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanne Gefvert of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine as our preacher, and The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Retired Primate, and supporter of the Sisterhood (Presider at 11am)

**The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine**, founded in Toronto in 1884, is a contemporary expression of the religious life for women within the Anglican Church of Canada. The Mother House is in Toronto. They are a prayer- and gospel-centred monastic community, bound together by the call to a vowed life in intentional community. Nurtured by their founding vision of prayer, community and service, the Sisterhood is open and responsive to the needs of the Church and the contemporary world, continually seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their life and ministry.

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Mass Setting: Truro Eucharist by David Briggs*

**Prelude** Christum wir sollen loben schon BWV 611  
Lied from 24 Pièces en Style Libre Op. 31

*J. S. Bach*  
*Louis Vierne*

## Welcome & Announcements

*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* For the God who said, “Out of darkness light shall shine,” has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (*II Corinthians 4:6*)

*People* **Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Beloved in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father, and revealed as the salvation prepared by God before the face of all peoples. In their old age, Simeon and Anna recognized him as the promised One, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of his people, Israel. On this day, we join our voices with their praise and testimony, that we may be heralds of his promise and reflect his light to the world.

*During the hymn, the votive candles are lit.*

## Hymn

Tune: Divinum Mysterium

*All* Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sages sang of old with one accord;  
Whom the writings of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord,  
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; angel-hosts, his praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King:  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; translated by J.M Neale and H.W. Baker;  
Music: Plainsong Melody; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

*Candles for use during the year will now be blessed.*

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You make our darkness to be light. For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.

*People* **Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these candles when kindled to illumine this house of prayer to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* We wait for your loving-kindness, O God,

*People* **In the midst of your temple.**

*Presider* Open to us the gates of righteousness,

*People* **That we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

*Presider* God is the Lord who has shown us light.

*People* **Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.**

*During the Gloria, children are invited to gather at the chancel steps before proceeding to the Library for Godly Play; they will return at the offertory.*

## Gloria

*New Plainsong – David Hurd*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav-en-ly king, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of love, you gave your Son to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. With Simeon and Anna and all who hail redemption's happy dawn, may we sing your praise and proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Malachi 3:1-4*

*Reader* See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 84

*Chant by Raymond Lewis*

*Choir* 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.

## The Second Reading

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

*Reader* Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

T. Bell

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir* This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22-40*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Gospeller* When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated

as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Gospeller  
People*

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Presider* Gathered to celebrate the liberating love of God revealed to us in Jesus, the Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation saying, "God of grace and mercy, hear our prayer".

*Pause*

*Intercessor* God of grace and mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* O God, who knows our needs before we ask, hear, and answer these prayers from our lips and the silent prayers of our hearts that we offer, in the name of our Liberating Lord, and in the power of your Life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our**

**neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*We offer each other a sign of peace, as you feel comfortable.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

Tune: New Britain

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found:  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton; St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790;  
Music: Melody Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829; adapt. Edwin Othello Excell.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Presider* God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age, you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*People* **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus And let the church say, Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom. And let the church say, Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* Join our prayers and prayers with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the

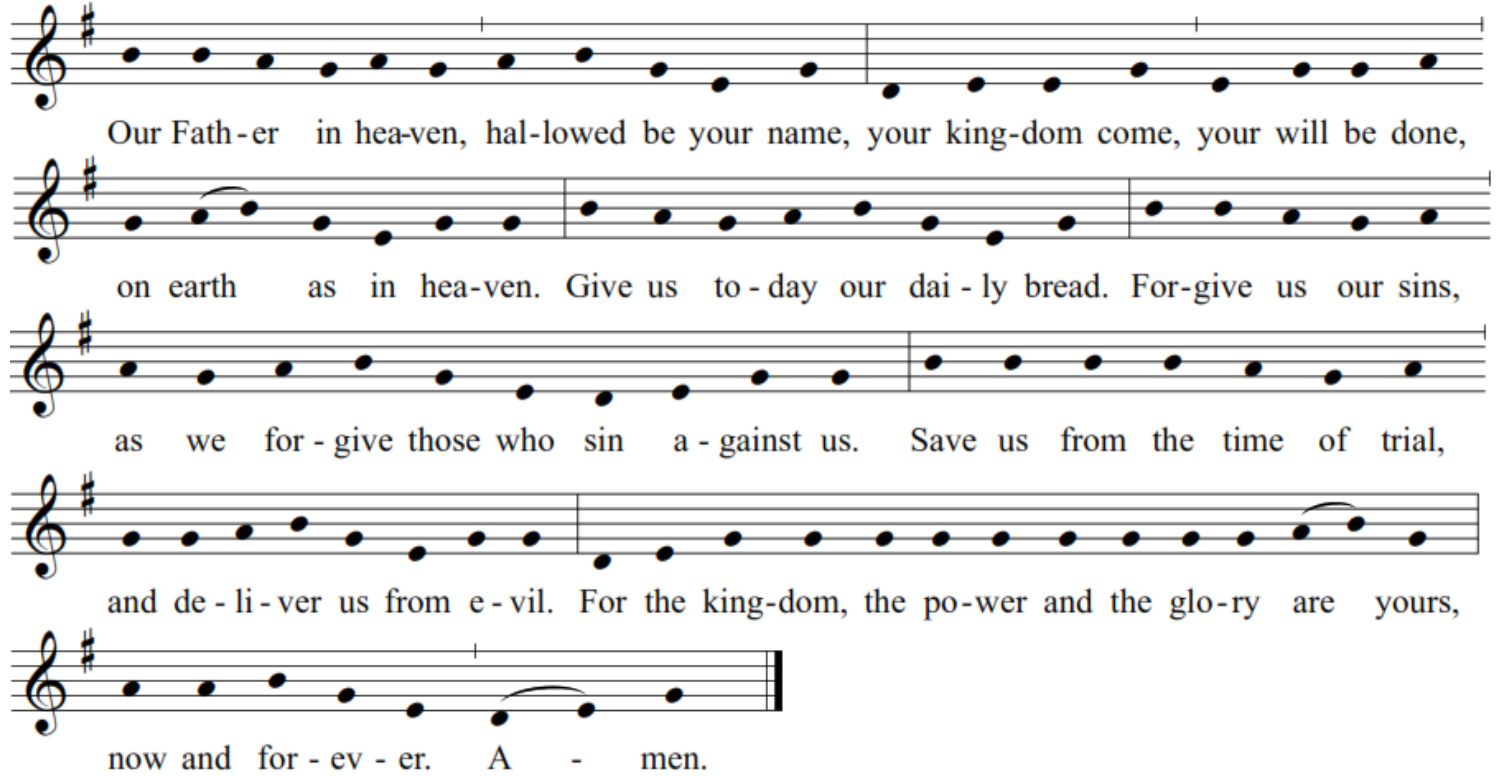
Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*People*      **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*McNeil Robinson*

*Presider*      As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,  
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for-ev-er. A - men.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider*      We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*All*              **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

### **The Communion**

*Presider*      Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **Agnus Dei**

*Choir*        Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

***It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.***

*If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.*

**Motet**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*Tomas de Victoria*

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.

**Communion Hymn**

*Traditional African American spiritual*

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

**Motet**

**Steal Away**

*Traditional African American spiritual;  
arr. David Blackwell*

*Steal away, steal away,  
steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home,  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, He calls me,  
He calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here. [*Refrain*]

Green trees are bending,  
Poor sinners stand a trembling;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here. [*Refrain*]

### Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* Glory to God,

*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

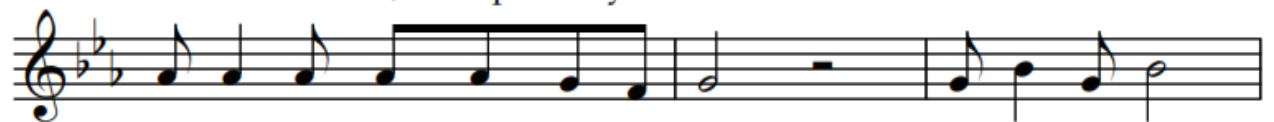
*Presider* May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

### Hymn

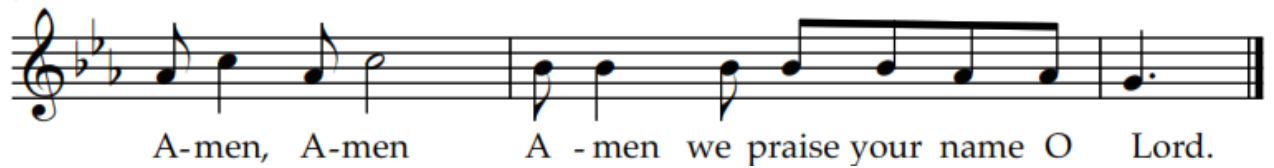


A - men, we praise your name O Lord



A-men, we praise your name O Lord.

A-men, A-men,



## Hymn

Tune: Miles Lane

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, life divine,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose burning path you trod,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe,  
delivered from the fall,  
to Christ all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all

O that, with heaven's sacred throng,  
we at his feet may fall,  
lift high the universal song,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all!

Text: Edward Perronet, alt. Music: William Shrubsole

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world that God loves. Alleluia!

*People* **The Lord being our helper. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Hymne au Soleil from 24 Pièces de Fantaisie

*Louis Vierne*

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<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Anglican Church of South America; Susan Johnson, National Bishop, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Bishop's Committee on Interfaith Ministry and the Education for Ministry</i></p>	<p>If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with our Sub-Dean &amp; Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: <a href="mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca">sfields@stjamescathedral.ca</a>; 416-364-7865, ext. *235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: <a href="mailto:bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca">bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca</a>, 416-364-7865, ext. *237</p>

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## 2024 Vestry Nominating Committee

St. James Cathedral's Annual Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 10th, 2024 after the 10:00am service.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bill Benson, is now receiving names for election for the following positions:

- People's Warden
- Deputy People's Warden
- Assistant Deputy People's Warden
- Cathedral Council
- Synod Representatives and Alternates

All are one-year terms with opportunity for renewal for 3 years.

Nominations require a nominator, a seconder, and the agreement of the nominees to let their names stand. Nominations should be sent to Bill Benson at [billbenson0520@gmail.com](mailto:billbenson0520@gmail.com) for consideration by the committee.

The Nominating Committee will produce a recommended slate for Vestry that is representative of the congregation and considers the necessary experience and skills required. The process for choosing the slate will start by asking current eligible representatives if they are willing to stand for re-election. Next, all nominations from the congregation will be considered.

As always, the Vestry Chair will ask for nominations from the floor on the day of the Vestry meeting. All eligible nominations will be accepted.

Feel free to email [billbenson0520@gmail.com](mailto:billbenson0520@gmail.com) if you have any further questions. The Wardens

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, February 4, 2024 Celebrating Black History Month at St. James

- \***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.
- \***Today at 4:30pm:** We welcome the Chapel Choir of Trinity College, University of Toronto.



It has been said that Black people have been given the shortest month of the year to celebrate their heritage and history. Perhaps we should celebrate a *“Season of Freedom”*, beginning with Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday (January 15) and ending with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21).

Between these bookends we celebrate the birthday of Lincoln Alexander, on January 21<sup>st</sup> (the first Black Canadian to be elected to the House of Commons, and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario), Black History Month, also known as Afrikan Heritage Month, also known as Afrikan Liberation Month, and Freedom Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February) – an opportunity for the church to deepen its understanding of God’s heart for justice, discover, and fight to end the realities of modern slavery.

This year’s theme is *“Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, a Future to Build”*. Black excellence is more than the extraordinary success of Black persons in their chosen fields. It also has to do with the amazing capacity of every Black Canadian to thrive and succeed, starting with Mathieu Da Costa, the Black African who served as an interpreter for French and Dutch traders and explorers in the early 17th century, through Michaëlle Jean, who served as the 27<sup>th</sup> Governor-general of Canada, since Canadian Confederation, to Matthew Waterman, our postulant.

Our Music Director has chosen choral and congregational music to support our observance of the month. Canon Anthony Jemmott (Feb. 18) and I (Feb. 11) will reflect on the theme during our homilies. **Mark your calendar for a special Coffee Hour on February 25 after the 11:00am service.** In addition to a musical presentation, there will be a display of “Black Excellence” and samples of African and Caribbean finger foods.

The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields (*Sub-Dean & Vicar*)

## STAY UP TO DATE

**Today at 9:00am & 11:00am: Ministry of The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine**  
We will welcome Archbishop Fred Hiltz and The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert.

### ST. JAMES CEMETERY & CREMATORIUM

**Wednesday, February 7 at 11:00am: Eucharist at St. James Cemetery**  
On the first Wednesday of the month, St. James Cemetery invites to the Chapel of St. James-The-Less for Holy Eucharist. Visit 635 Parliament Street, Toronto.



### 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. If this is the moment for you to become intentional about following the way of Jesus talk to Canon John Hill or email: [bst@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto: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 and online registration are available. **For more information** talk to Canon John Hill during coffee hour or email [bst@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bst@stjamescathedral.ca)

### VESTRY 2024

**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.

#### **Sunday, February 11 after 9:00am & 11:00am services Town Hall – Nominating Committee**

If you would like more information about the nominating process for Vestry Elections, you're invited to attend a town hall meeting on Sunday, February 11. There will be one following both the 9:00am & 11:00am service.

Meetings will be held in the 2nd-floor Lecture Room. For more information on the Nominating process, please visit the News section at [www.stjamescathedral.ca](http://www.stjamescathedral.ca) under Vestry 2024 or contact Bill Benson at: [billbenson0520@gmail.com](mailto:billbenson0520@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 11 at 10:30am: Crosses from last Palm Sunday



Last year's blessed palm crosses and branches may be brought to the Cathedral and placed in the baskets provided.

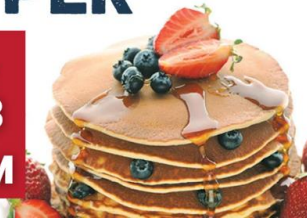
They will be burned at 10:30am between the 9:00am and 11:00am services next Sunday, February 11, and the ashes used in the Ash Wednesday services on February 14.

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

# PANCAKE SUPPER



**TUES.  
FEB. 13  
5:30PM**



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:** Call (416)364-7865, add your information to the RSVP list at the back of the Cathedral, or email [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca).

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

### Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Services



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.

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



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 [yosiegal@hotmail.com](mailto:yosiegal@hotmail.com), [wrmndt@gmail.com](mailto:wrmndt@gmail.com), or [morgan5591@rogers.com](mailto:morgan5591@rogers.com) Stay tuned!

## 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 **February 6 at 1:00pm. Organist: Joshua Duncan Lee**  
Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

**WEDNESDAY:** The **Scripture Circle** gathers at **11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.**

**THURSDAY: February 22 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James** in St. George's Chapel.  
*Artist: Louise Hung, Virginal.* Admission by donation is encouraged.

**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:** Plots, services, and products available.

**Contact:** 416-964-9194 [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://www.stjamescemetery.ca) 635 Parliament Street, Toronto.

### Sunday Services – February 11, 2024

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist (*also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](http://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*).

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist (*also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/anglicandioto](http://youtube.com/anglicandioto)*).

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong with the Choir of St. Jude's Anglican Church, Oakville (*also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](http://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*).

**Readings for February 11:**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

2 Kgs 2:1-12

Ps 50:1-6

2 Cor 4:3-6

Mk 9:2-9

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