

Transfiguration Sunday

(The Last Sunday After the Epiphany)

February 11, 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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> Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week both at the 9:00am and 11:00am service. Please email Karyne Whalen at <u>kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca</u> 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.

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Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine First Reader: Quentin Toderick • Second Reader: David Butters Sidespersons: Samanda Shu & Quentin Toderick Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Nathan Jeffery Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens Sung by The Choir of St. Jude's Anglican Church, Oakville

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

Vincenzina Eva Sorbara-Toderick Mr. Philip and Mrs. Joane Noble

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

Choral Evensong

Prelude Aria

Gilles Leclerc

Please remain seated. Arr. Nathan Dett

Introit Come to me

"Come to me, Ye who are hard oppressed; Lay your head gently upon my breast; Come to me, And I will give you rest; weary one, Hither come! God is your home!"

"Come to me!" Jehovah gently pleads; "Come to me, I can supply all needs; And my way, Unto green pasture leads; Free from sin! Enter in! God is your home!"

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

Preces and Responses

Psalm 114

| Officiant | O Lord, open thou our lips; |
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| 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.

William Smith

Chant by Tonus Peregrinus

When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
The sea saw that, and fled; Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you were driven back? You mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water, the flint-stone into a springing well. Chant by G. H. Knight Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory, for the sake of your loving mercy and truth. Why should the nations say, 'Where is now their God?' As for our God, he is in heaven; he does whatever he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak; eyes have they, but cannot see; They have ears, but cannot hear; noses have they, but cannot smell; They have hands, but cannot feel; feet have they, but cannot walk; not a whisper do they make from their throats. Those who make them shall become like them and so will all who put their trust in them. But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. House of Aaron, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us; may he bless the house of Israel; may he bless the house of Aaron; May he bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great together. May the Lord increase you more and more, you and your children after you.

Psalm 115

May you be blest by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth he has entrusted to his children.
The dead do not praise the Lord, nor those gone down into silence;
But we will bless the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.
Alleluia.

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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Reader Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able. Evening Service in B minor— *T. Tertius Noble*

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. Luke 9:18-27

Second Lesson

Reader Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.'

Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able. Evening Service in B minor– T. Tertius Noble

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

Nunc Dimittis

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 Choir | The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. |
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| 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 of glory, by the grace of your Spirit, reveal your Son to us now in the message of the prophets and in the witness of the apostles, so that we may heed his voice and receive him in faith. We ask 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.

Anthem In my Father's House

Choir In my Father's house are many dwellings, and if I go to prepare a place for you.

I will come back again, and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, you have faith in God, have faith also in me.

In my Father's house are many dwelling places, if there were not, would I have told you.

I am going to prepare a place for you.

Where I am going, you know the way.

For I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me,

if you know me, you also know my Father.

My spirit will be with you always, the advocate, the spirit of truth will remind you of all I have said. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, do not be afraid.

I have told you, I will come back to you, have faith in me.

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Homily

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

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Please be seated. Philip Stopford

Please stand, as you are able. Tune: Angel's Song

Hymn at the Collection

O Lord whose love designed this day, you walked with us along the road; so as the daylight fades away stay with us when we rest our load.

Our stumbling steps were known to you before we recognised your face; you loved us long before we knew your covenant of saving grace.

You spoke your word of truth to us, bringing us gladness when we grieved; we found forgiveness at your cross, and yet how slowly we believed!

But now we see your wounded hands; you share with us the broken bread: these are your pledges, your commands, our living Lord, who once was dead!

So through the darkness, be our light, O Lord whose love designed this day; we praise and bless your name tonight for love that never fades away.

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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.

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 Toccata in E

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Please stand, as you are able.

Edward Woodall Naylor

PRAYER CYCLE

PASTORAL CARE

This week, please pray for: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Susan Johnson, National Bishop, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; York Mills Deanery And The Cathedral Council 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: <u>sfields@stjamescathedral.ca</u>; 416-364-7865, ext. *235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: <u>bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca</u>, 416-364-7865, ext. *237

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, February 11, 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 Choir of St. Jude's Anglican Church, Oakville.

Praying at a Threshold – Transfiguration Sunday



The end of the Epiphany season is already upon us, and Lent begins in just a few days. We are at the edge of a new season as we contemplate the wondrous story of Jesus' mountaintop transfiguration. The epiphany of Jesus' divine nature seems to unfold outside of time but soon enough it draws his friends - and us - back into time. They return to the "level ground" and carry on their ministry together, even as they travel with Jesus to Jerusalem, to the cross, and beyond.

This week we are invited to travel together, too. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and we will be invited to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. The season of Lent is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the mystery of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let's welcome and engage these 40 days as preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and the paschal mystery – the very core of our faith! Watch Connections and E-Connections for updates – there is something for everyone.

Gathered on this threshold, drawing us from one season into another, let us pray:

Loving God,

I commit this coming season of Lent to you And ask you to show me what I need to turn away from And what I need to turn towards. Shine your loving light in those dark parts of my heart, And bring new life, new hope, and new possibilities. Help me to walk more closely with Jesus To know that I am deeply loved, And to share his love with others. Amen +Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Photo by The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields Sub-Dean & Vicar

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: <u>bst@stjamescathedral.ca</u>

Register now: Join a Small Group for reflection through Lent & 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 on February 18.** Registration forms and online registration are available. For more information talk to Canon John Hill during coffee hour or email: <u>bst@stjamescathedral.ca</u>

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, REGENT PARK A ministry in collaboration with St. James Cathedral

*150th Anniversary Dedication Mass: Join St. Bart's on Friday, February 16 at 6:15pm. *Lenten Music at St. Bart's: Full details here: <u>stbartstoronto.ca/music-lent-2024</u>. *Outreach at St. Bart's: Serving the disadvantaged for 150 years, St. Bart's welcomes volunteers and donations. Learn more: <u>stbartstoronto.ca/outreach</u>

THE YORK GROUP

Wed., Feb. 28 at 2:00pm in the Lecture Room by Dr. David Mowat Preventing Chronic Disease - Not What You Think!

Did you know that chronic conditions such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes are, collectively, the main contributors to rates of ill health, disability, death, and stress in the healthcare system? Come and learn why the current approach to prevention - one person at a time - will not reduce the burden of chronic disease. No RSVP is required. We hope you will join us!

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 both the 9:00am & the11:00am services Town Hall – Nominating Committee in the Lecture Room (2ⁿ floor)

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.

For more information on the Nominating process, please visit the News section at <u>www.stjamescathedral.ca</u> under Vestry 2024 or contact at: <u>billbenson0520@gmail.com</u>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today: Feb. 11 at 10:30am: Crosses from last Palm Sunday



Last year's crosses make this year's ashes.

Join us today at 10:30am between the 9:00am and the 11:00am services to burn the last Palm Sunday crosses and prepare them for Ash Wednesday services on February 14.

Join us! All are invited.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Full house! If you already RSVP for this event, please come, we'd love to see you! Gather your friends & family to mark the last day before Lent with a pancake supper. There will be children's activities, music and much more. This is a free event and donations are welcome.

Wednesday, Feb. 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, Feb. 25 after the 11:00am service: Black History Month

Mark your calendar for a special Coffee Hour! There will be a musical presentation, a display of "Black Excellence" and samples of African and Caribbean finger foods.



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 13 at 1:00pm. Organist: Nathan Jeffery** 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 - <u>www.stjamescemetery.ca</u> - 635 Parliament Street, Toronto.

Sunday Services – February 18, 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 You Tube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto). Readings for February 18: First Sunday in Lent Gen 9:8-17 Ps 25:1-10 1 Pet 3:18-22 Mk 1:9-15

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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** 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 <u>billbenson0520@gmail.com</u> if you have any further questions.The Wardens