

# **The Second Sunday in Lent**

*February 25, 2024*

*Choral Eucharist at 11:00am*

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

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### **Liturgical Note**

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## **Today at St. James**

*Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson*

*Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance*

*Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger*

*Sub-Deacon: Matthew Waterman • Anointer: The Reverend Lynn Braye*

*First Reader: Joanne Short • Second Reader: Debra Solomon*

*Intercessor: Philippa Campsie • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT*

*Sidespersons: Joan Peters, Stanley Baptiste, Kay Betts, George McNeillie & Wairimu Nduati*

*Communion Ministers: Stanley Baptiste, Leslie Derbecker & Joanne Short*

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

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

***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.***

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Mass Setting: Missa Brevis 'St. Dominic' by Matthew Martin*

## Prelude

## 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* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism.

Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

*Please kneel as you are comfortable.*

Let us ask God to reveal all the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts, to know how we have proclaimed by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Holy and immortal God,

*All* **you formed us from the dust in your image and redeemed us from sin and death by the cross of our Saviour. In baptism, you raise us with him to share in the new covenant with all your holy people. We confess that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what**

**we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your great mercy, forgive us and restore us, that we may rejoice in your presence, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Choir* Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

*During the Hymn, children are invited to gather at the chancel steps before proceeding to the Library in the Cathedral Centre for Sunday School; they will return at the offertory.*

## **Hymn**

Tune: Rockingham

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: Melody Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780?; harm. Edward Miller; desc. David R. Riley;

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Please remain standing.*

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

*Reader* When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm

*Psalm 22 Verse 23-31 – Chant by H. Smart*

*Choir*

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.  
For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;

but when they cried to him he heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations.  
How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?  
He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.  
They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

## **The Second Reading**

*Romans 4:13-25*

*Reader* For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

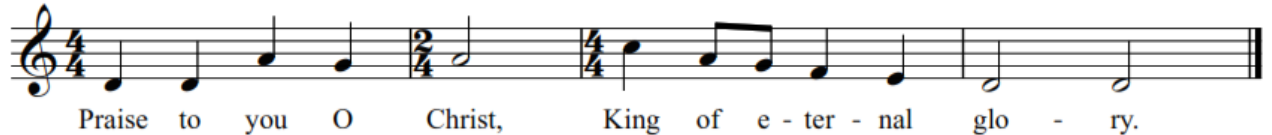
*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

T. Bell

*Choir*



*People*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*Choir*

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

*People*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

*Gospeller*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And with thy spirit.**

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Gospeller*

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*Gospeller*

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Homily



## The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in God 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.**

## 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.**

## 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 with thy spirit.**

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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: Eisenach

It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled and mourned and died  
for love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he could love  
a child so weak and full of sin;  
his love must be most wonderful  
if he could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,  
and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love which, like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.

Text: William Walsham How; Music: Bartholomäus Gesius; adapt. Johann Hermann Schein

*Presider* God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving & Consecration**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times,  
and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty,  
everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Who hast bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare  
with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism, and  
renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and  
more generous in works of love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and  
saying:

## **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* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ

*People* **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Presider* And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious

body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Merbecke*

*Presider* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*Presider*      *All*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,  
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,  
 And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

## The Communion

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

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

## Agnus Dei

*Choir* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Grant us your peace.

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

*If you choose not to receive communion, simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest. For those requiring gluten-free hosts or not wanting to walk up the chancel steps, please go to the Lady Chapel.*

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

***Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Lady Altar.***

## Communion Hymn

Tune: Caswall G+

Search our hearts, we pray, Lord;  
shine your light within,  
when we call our failings  
anything but sin:

Proud of our achievements,  
though our aims are wrong;  
you can see our motives,  
tainted all along.

Search our poor excuses  
when we shift the blame,  
seeing faults in others  
while we do the same.

You, O Christ, can cleanse us,  
judge us and forgive:  
in the light you give us  
let us walk, and live.

## Communion Hymn

Tune: Thompson

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching  
watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?  
Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
coming for you and for me.  
Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.  
Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Will L. Thompson (1880)  
United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

## Motet

## Tantum Ergo

Fernand Laloux arr. Sevier

Therefore we, before Him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending,  
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
Honour, thanks, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too His love confessing  
Who from Both with Both is One.

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray.

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* Glory to God,

*All* **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 mercy transform you by his grace, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**



A - men, we praise your name O Lord



A-men, we praise your name O Lord. A-men, A-men,

A-men, A-men A - men we praise your name O Lord.

## Hymn

Tune: Crucifer

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!  
If we are silent, even stones cry out.  
*Lift high the cross...*

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:  
teach us compassion for each human life.  
*Lift high the cross...*

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:  
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.  
*Lift high the cross...*

Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.  
*Lift high the cross...*

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,  
come, take up this song into eternity.  
*Lift high the cross...*

Text: Refrain George William Kitchin; st. 1-5 Shirley Erena Murray, alt.; Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson.

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Anglican Church of Tanzania; the Carillon Bell ringers and Freedom Sunday – pray for an end to slavery and human trafficking.</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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## **ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

### **Celebrating Black History Month at St. James**

**\*Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at 9:00am & 11:00am services.

**\*Coffee Hour:** Following the 9:00am service.

**\*Today:** Join us for a **Special Coffee Hour** after the **11:00am** service with a musical presentation, a display of "*Black Excellence*" and samples of African & Caribbean finger foods.

## **STAY UP TO DATE**

**Wednesday, February 28 at 2:00pm in the Lecture Room**

### ***Preventing Chronic Disease - Not What You Think* by Dr. David Mowat**

Come and learn why the current approach to prevention - one person at a time - will not reduce the burden of chronic disease. This is an invitation from The York Group. No RSVP.

### **Becoming The Story We Tell – Join in!**

Our Lenten Bible Reflection Series has started but it is not too late to join a small group. This program is for everyone -from those who are new to Christianity to those looking to refresh and deepen their faith-. Small groups meet on Tuesdays at 2:00pm (online) and on Wednesdays at 11:00am, 6:00pm (Young Adults Group), and 7:00pm in the Cathedral Centre (in person/online). Join us as we explore what it means to follow Jesus together and to make new friends! For more information speak with Canon John Hill or send an email to [bst@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bst@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **March 1 & 2: 2024 World Day of Prayer – Holy Eucharist & Event**

The Cathedral will be observing World Day of Prayer at the 12:15pm Eucharist on Friday, March 1st. We will have prayers for peace. All are warmly welcome to attend.

The official 2024 World Day of Prayer Event will be hosted by First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 116 Bond Street, Toronto on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm. All are welcome.

### **St. Bartholomew's - A ministry in collaboration with St. James Cathedral**

#### **Friday, March 1 at 6:00pm: Stations of the Cross at St. Bart's**

Join St. Bart's at **Regent Park on Friday, March 1 at 6:00pm**. Then, each Friday beginning March 8 Stations will also be offered, followed by Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Sunday, March 17 at 1:00pm: York Group Annual General Meeting**

All women parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the York Group in the Lecture Room. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP at coffee hours following services. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Sunday, March 17 from 4:30pm-8:00pm: Vigil for Peace and Justice**

Working with the Bishop's Committee on Interfaith Ministry the Cathedral is planning a Vigil for Peace and Justice in Observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Vigil will start with Evensong. The Homilist will be The Very Rev. Dr. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral.

## **March 19 at 2:00pm: Archives and the History of St. James Cathedral**

Historians and archivists Nancy Mallett and Claire Wilton will be featured on Tuesday, March 19 at 2:00pm in the Lecture Room. Their presentation is entitled: "*Archives and the History of St. James Cathedral*". No RSVP is required. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to an interesting afternoon with the York Group.

## **March 23 & 24: Annual Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**

You are invited to join us for the 10th Annual Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser in support of the essential work of the Drop-in Centre and honouring, especially, its many years of providing health and foot care clinics. Don't miss the joy of our Saturday dough and bun-making sessions on March 23 or help us bake, frost, and sell on Palm Sunday morning, March 24. If you would like to volunteer, contact Carol Kysela at [mckysel@gmail.com](mailto:mckysel@gmail.com)

## **VESTRY 2024 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm: Pre-Vestry Meeting**

A Pre-Vestry Meeting will be held online via Zoom on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm. The meeting is an opportunity to learn more about the 2024 budget and 2023 financial audit statements and also provides an opportunity for those who cannot attend the Vestry Meeting in person. If you are a member of Vestry and would like to RSVP and receive the link to attend the Pre-Vestry meeting, please visit <https://stjamescathedral.ca/vestry-2024/>. The link will be sent close to the day of the meeting.

### **Vestry Meeting 2024**

On Sunday, March 10, there will be one joint service at 10:00am followed by Vestry. A light lunch will be served from 11:30am to 12:00pm. Vestry Meeting will start at 12:00pm and be chaired by our Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance.

**To RSVP, and view meeting documents, please visit <https://stjamescathedral.ca/vestry-2024>.** A limited number of printed copies of the Vestry Report are also available in the narthex.

### **Vestry List**

Vestry List is available for viewing at the back of the church after service or at reception from 9:00am – 4:00pm Monday-Friday. Those listed are entitled to vote in the elections for the ensuing year. Additions or modifications can be made to the list.

## VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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 (Bob Hart, Yvonne Joseph, Bill Benson).

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.

More information will come.

Stay tuned.

The Wardens

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am**

Monday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel

**Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**

Monday to Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

**Vicar away:** The Vicar will be away from March 3-7 serving as a peer evaluator for the Association of Theological Schools in the accreditation process of the Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina.

**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 27 at 1:00pm. Organist: Manuel Piazza.**  
Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

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

**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 9:00am & 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 – March 3, 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 *(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](http://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)).*

**Readings for March 3, 2024:**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Ex 20:1-17

Ps 19

1 Cor 1:18-25

Jn 2:13-22

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