

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



#BHM2025

Canada

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Black History Celebration at St. James Cathedral

February 16, 2025

Choir Eucharist at 11:00am

*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 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 at the 9:00am & 11:00am service.
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Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
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Coffee Hour

Join us in Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am service.

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger • Sub-Deacon: Paul Seddon, ODT

Anointer: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

First Reader: Wairimu Nduati • Second Reader: Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye

Intercessor: Denise Byard • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT

Communion Ministers: Denise Byard, Yvonne Joseph & Yvonne Odhomi

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jean-Paul Feo • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

The Flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Our practice during this liturgy is to stand when we sing and during the proclamation of the Gospel, sit for other Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and stand, sit, or kneel for prayer. These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you during the service.

Prelude Selections from King of Kings Organ music by black composers

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Nathaniel Dett

Choir

“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!”

The choir and clergy enter.

The Black National Anthem

Tune: Lift Every Voice and Sing

All

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

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.**

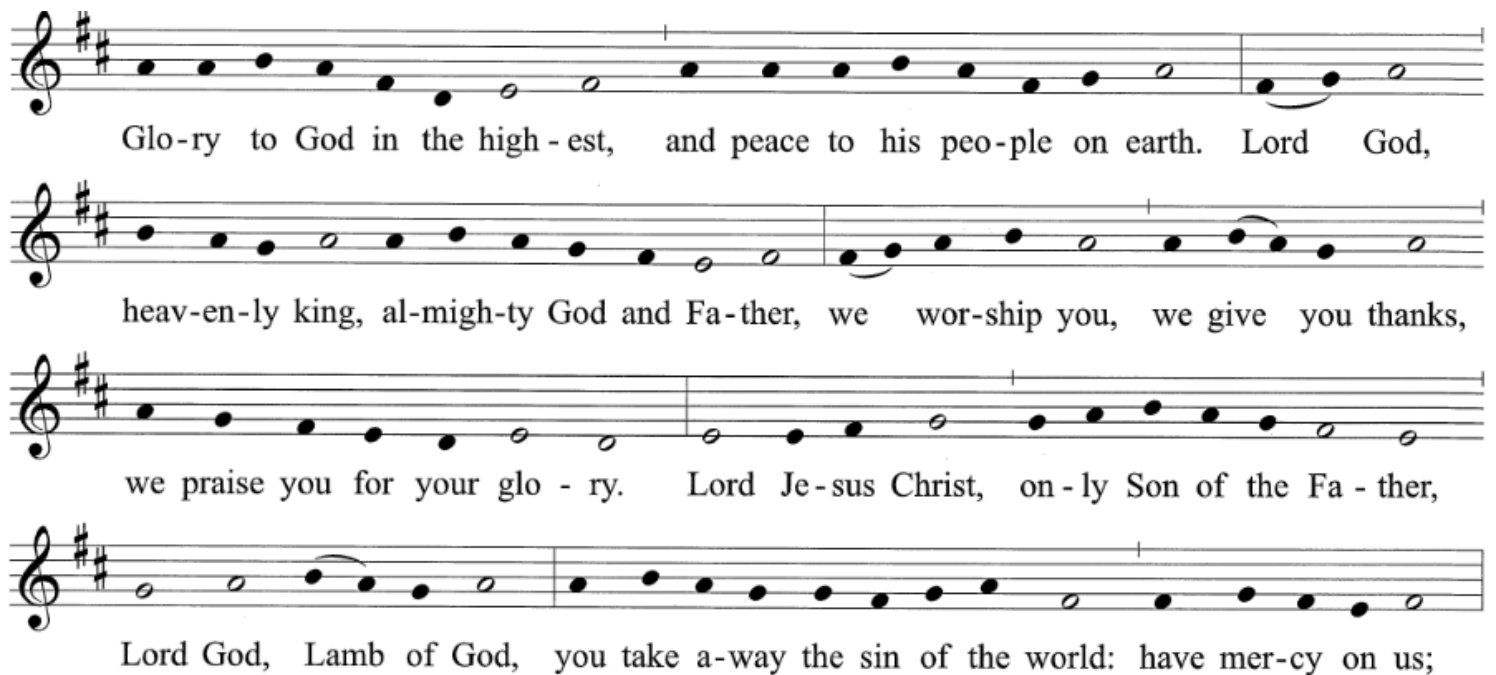
Presider Almighty God,

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

During the Gloria, 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.

Gloria

David Hurd



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his 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 blessing and woe, disturbing the deadly order of the world: give us faith tested in poverty, hunger for what really satisfies, eyes softened by tears and hearts ready to laugh at all that is false and pompous, so that we might be witnesses to the dignity of life: through Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside down.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

"Prisoner of Hope" Sojourners magazine, February 1985

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Reader

If it weren't for faith, I would have given up long ago. I am certain lots of us would have been hate-filled and bitter. For me the Scriptures have become more and more thoroughly relevant to our situation. They speak of a God who, when you worship him, turns you around to be concerned for your neighbour. He does not tolerate a relationship with himself that excludes your neighbour.

It is the horizontal dimension that makes our faith so thoroughly subversive in a situation of oppression and injustice. It speaks of the infinite value of human persons. We count for God because he treated us lovingly. Each one of us is the object of the divine love as if we were the only person around. We are created in God's image and, therefore, each one of us is held to be a representative, a viceroy of God.

In the middle of our faith is the death and resurrection. Nothing could have been more hopeless than Good Friday—but then Easter happened, and forever we have to become prisoners of hope.

Reader
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1
Choir

Chant by Edward Elgar

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Abraham Maraire

Gospel Acclamation



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Cantor Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
Reader He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. ‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. ‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand.

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

Please adopt a posture of prayer.

Presider

Let us pray to the God who raised Christ from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep, giving to us the promise of eternal life, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy."

Intercessor

Lord,

People

Hear and have mercy.

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider

Our God and Father, may our faith in the resurrection of your Son embolden us to walk always in your ways, steadfast in doing your work, to the glory of your name. Through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Please stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

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

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Tune: McKee

All In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no pride of birth;
the family that God has blessed
now spans the whole wide earth.

For God in Christ has made us one
from every land and race;
has reconciled us through the Son,
and met us all with grace.

It is by grace we are assured
that we belong to him:
the love we share in Christ our Lord,
the Spirit's work within.

So brothers, sisters, praise his name
who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate and shame,
from spite and enmity!

In Christ there is no east or west
he breaks all barriers down:
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed
in Christ we live as one.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

New Plainsong Mass by David Hurd

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

Please adopt a posture of prayer.

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 it, 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 praise 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 honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All

Ma - si - thi: A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. Ma - si - thi:
Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men:

All A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. Ma - si - thi: A - men, Ba - wo,
A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men: A - men, a - men,

Leader

All

a - men, Ba - wo, a - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.
 a - men, a - men, a - men, we praise your name, O Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. Forgive us our sins,
 As we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the kingdom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours,
 now and forever. A - men.

Silence

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 The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

New Plainsong Mass by David Hurd

All O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy 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.

Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Baptistry.

Communion Hymn

African Traditional Spiritual

All 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]

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Communion Hymn

Traditional Spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson

Choir There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Motet **Nasadiki – Amen** *arr. Boniface Mganga*
Choir I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the fellowship of the saints, the removal of sins, the resurrection of the body. Amen.

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Presider Let us pray.
God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 God raise you up above everything. Spread out like water of a lake. Be abundance that never ends, that never changes. Be like a mountain. Be like a camel. Be like a cloud, a cloud that brings rain always. And God promised that it would be so; and the blessing of God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

A Blessing from Samburu, Kenya

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Noel Dexter

All The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love,
our conflicts and our fears,
our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go,
so clouded is the way,
so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate, and greed.

Our selfishness and lust,
our pride and deeds unjust,
are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,
lifting the fallen, on by one,
each one is known by name
and rescued now from shame
by the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds, and souls,
so wondrous is its touch
with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.
In this and ev'ry land,
let people all join hands,
and be one by the right hand of God.

Text: St. Patick Prescod: Caribbean Conference of Churches

Dismissal

*Deacon of
the Mass
People*

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Church of Bangladesh; South Georgian Bay Regionalization and the Readers & Intercessors</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 & Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: sfields@stjamescathedral.ca; 416-364-7865, ext. 235 and The Reverend Matthew Waterman: mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865, ext. 254</p>

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sunday Children's Program: Invite the little ones to the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

Coffee Hour: Following the 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

Celebrating Black History Month at St. James

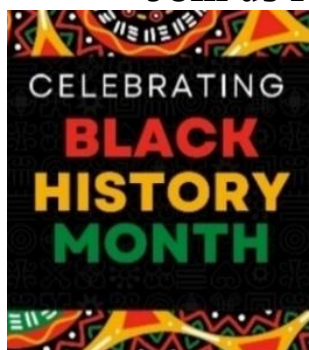


"Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Viola Desmond was a Canadian civil and women's rights activist & businesswoman in Nova Scotia.

Memorialized on Canada's \$10 bill, she challenged racial segregation at a cinema by refusing to leave a whites-only area of the theatre.

Join us for a month of celebration every Sunday in February!



On Sundays enjoy music from the repertoire of Black Composers: Samuel Coleridge Taylor, José Nunes Garcia, Florence Price, David Hurd, Roderick Williams, Trevor Weston, and Moses Hogan.

Music notes for this Sunday are available on stjamescathedral.ca

St. James Celebrates Black History Month:

Today at 11:00am: Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Waterman.

February 23 at 9:00am & 11:00am: Preacher Denise Byard.

February 22 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm: International Potluck

Join the Black History Month (BHM) Committee and celebrate the diverse nations and cultures that make up our Cathedral community! Enjoy the BHM exhibit, trivia, music & food. If you want to prepare & share a cultural dish as part of the potluck, please contact us by email to info@stjamescathedral.ca, call 416-364-7865, or visit our website.

February 23 at 4:30pm: Diocesan Celebration

The Diocese celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the 1st Diocesan Black History Service, featuring St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Steel Band & The Ghanaian Anglican Church Drummers. Presider: Bishop Andrew Asbil & Preacher: Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

February 26: Worship and bagged lunch with the York Group

The York Group invites you to join them for Holy Eucharist in St. George's Chapel, followed by a time of fellowship at 12:15pm with bagged lunch & drink in the Lecture Room.

Until March 2: Scripture Circle - Epiphany Encounter with Christ

Enjoy a Scripture Circle series designed for anyone looking to encounter Christ afresh!

Wednesdays at 11:00am (Community Room) & Sundays after the 11:00am service (Library).

March 2: Palm Crosses



Last year's blessed palm crosses and branches may be brought to the Cathedral and placed in the baskets provided at the back of the church. They will be burned after the 9:00am and 11:00am services on Sunday, March 2 on the West Lawn. The ashes will be used in the Ash Wednesday services at 7:30am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm.

March 4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



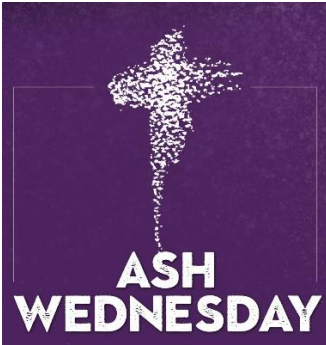
Mark the last day before Lent with a parish pancake supper from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

There will be food, a crafts table for kids, and music!

This event is free, but **please RSVP** on Eventbrite, through our website, email info@stjamescathedral.ca, or call 416-364-7865.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up anytime between 4:00pm - 9:00pm. Want to help? Contact us.

March 5: Ash Wednesday Services + Children & Youth Exploration Day



Services at 7:30am (Said Eucharist), 12:15pm & 6:30pm (Choral Eucharist). All services include the Imposition of Ashes.

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

Ashes to go at St. James from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Children & Youth Exploration Day from 10:30am-2:30pm:

To register, visit our website stjamescathedral.ca/explorationday/, call 416-364-7865, or send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca

March 8: Join us to celebrate The World Day of Prayer at St. James



The World Day of Prayer (WDP) brings Christians together around the world to share a day of prayer, learning and celebration.

Each year women from the host country share their region's concerns and hopes with Christians in 170 countries.

This year, women of the Cook Islands have prepared the worship service.

Financial offerings received at the service transform our prayers into action with project grants empowering women and children in our country and throughout the world.

Grants range from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00. In 2023-2024 fifteen grants were made, including 9 grants to Canadian organizations.

More info: wdpcanada.ca/grant-programs

Art: "Wonderfully Made" by Tarani & Tevairangi Napa.

Join us at 2:00pm.

March 16: Baptism preparation begins

Baptism preparation classes will be held on Sundays at 12:45pm, starting on March 16. Holy Baptism will be administered at the Easter Vigil on April 19 at 9:00pm. Contact The Rev. Matthew at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

March 16: International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination



As we observe the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we will inaugurate "The Marley Mass", a service inspired by the theology and lyrics of Reggae superstar, Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley and written by The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

The service features seven of Marley's iconic songs. Join us at 4:30pm.

St. James Outreach Program is looking for volunteers for working groups

We are looking for volunteers to sit on two working groups (the Drop-In Program and "Food for Thought" Drop-In Trivia night). If you are interested, please contact Kathy Biasi our Outreach Program Manager, at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865 *222.

VESTRY 2025



Vestry List

The Vestry List is available for viewing at the back of the church after service or at the Front Desk Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm. Please email any changes to sli@stjamescathedral.ca

March 6: Pre-Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Pre-Vestry Meeting will be on March 6 at 6:00pm. If you are a member of Vestry and would like to receive the link to attend email info@stjamescathedral.ca or call 416-364-7865.

March 9: Vestry Meeting

Our Dean will chair our next Vestry Meeting. **Only this Sunday, there will be one combined service at 10:00am** and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service.

Farewell to Nathan Jeffery

Nathan Jeffery has resigned as our Associate Organist. We are most grateful for his contributions to our music-making, worship, and overall community. We send him our very best wishes for his future musical endeavours. We have prepared a farewell card for Nathan at the back of the Cathedral for everyone to sign.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

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

Family Day: The Cathedral & Cathedral Centre offices will be closed, and staff & clergy will be off tomorrow, Monday, February 17 for Family Day.

Visit us: The Cathedral is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm.
The Cathedral Centre offices are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

Tuesday: Music at St. James on February 18 at 1:00pm. Organist: Manuel Piazza.
Admission is free & donations are encouraged.

Wednesday: The Scripture Circle gathers at 11:00am (Community Room).

Friday: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We welcome our guests for a nutritious meal.

Sunday:

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.

Sunday Services – February 23, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist *(also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist *(also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*

4:30pm: Black History Celebration Eucharist *(also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*

**Readings for February 23:
Seventh Sunday after the
Epiphany**

Gen 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50

Lk 6:27-38

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