



Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

Choral Evensong at 4:30pm

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
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Welcome to St. James Cathedral

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Liturgical Note:

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Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon David Brinton, OGS

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

First Reader: Robert Coates • Second Reader: William Cowling

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell

Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

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.

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

Choral Evensong

Our practice at Evensong is to stand for the procession and recession of the choir, and the canticles, to sing, sit for the Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and kneel or sit for prayer. These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you during the service.

Prelude

Welcome

Please remain seated.

Introit **We will Rejoice in thy Salvation**

William Byrd

Choir

We will rejoice in thy salvation,
And triumph in the name of the Lord our God;
Now know I that the Lord helpeth, his anointed and will hear him from
his Holy heav'n. Ev'n of his saving strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariot, and some in horses, but we will
remember the name of the Lord our God.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Roderick Williams

Officiant

O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us;

Choir

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Officiant

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir

The Lord's Name be praised.

Please be seated.

Psalm 12

Choir

Help me, Lord, for no one godly is left;
the faithful have vanished from the whole human race.
They all speak falsely with their neighbour;
they flatter with their lips, but speak from a double heart.
O that the Lord would cut off all flattering lips

and the tongue that speaks proud boasts!
Those who say, 'With our tongue will we prevail;
our lips we will use; who is lord over us?'
'Because of the oppression of the needy,
and the groaning of the poor,
I will rise up now,' says the Lord,
'and set them in the safety that they long for.'
The words of the Lord are pure words,
like silver refined in the furnace
and purified seven times in the fire.
You, O Lord, will watch over us
and guard us from this generation for ever.
The wicked strut on every side,
when what is vile is exalted by the whole human race.

Psalm 14

Choir

The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'
Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;
there is no one that does good.
The Lord has looked down from heaven
upon the children of earth,
to see if there is anyone who is wise
and seeks after God.
But every one has turned back;
all alike have become corrupt:
there is none that does good; no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,
who eat up my people as if they ate bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
There shall they be in great fear;
for God is in the company of the righteous.
Though they would confound the counsel of the poor,
yet the Lord shall be their refuge.
O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

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.

First Lesson

Sirach 48:1-11

Reader Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire, and his word burned like a torch. He brought a famine upon them, and by his zeal he made them few in number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens, and also three times brought down fire. How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds! Whose glory is equal to yours? You raised a corpse from death and from Hades, by the word of the Most High. You sent kings down to destruction, and famous men, from their sickbeds. You heard rebuke at Sinai and judgements of vengeance at Horeb. You anointed kings to inflict retribution, and prophets to succeed you. You were taken up by a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with horses of fire. At the appointed time, it is written, you are destined to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Happy are those who saw you and were adorned with your love! For we also shall surely live.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat *Please stand.* *Evening Service in G minor by Henry Purcell*

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson

Please be seated.

John 12:24-32

Reader Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis *Please stand.* *Evening Service in G minor by Henry Purcell*

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God
All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

Choir 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 Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations, in the journey of the magi, we see how unjust powers and hatred may diminish the advancing of your gospel. Transfigure us by your love, so that we may bring your message to the dark places of this world; through Jesus Christ, the Beloved.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that

by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated.

C. V. Stanford

Anthem O For a Closer Walk with God

Choir O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Homily

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Please stand.

Tune: Cloth Fair

Hymn at the Collection

All Christ be the Lord of all our days,
the swiftly passing years:
Lord of our unremembered birth,
heirs to the brightness of the earth;
Lord of our griefs and fears.

Christ be the source of all our deeds,
the life our living shares;
the fount which flows from worlds above
to never-failing springs of love;
the ground of all our prayers.

Christ be the goal of all our hopes,
the end to whom we come;
guide of each pilgrim Christian soul
which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,
our many-mansioned home.

Christ be the vision of our lives,
of all we think and are;
to shine upon our spirits' sight
as light of everlasting light,
the bright and morning star.

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Offertory Prayer

Vicar Let us pray.

Almighty God, we celebrate the gift and manifestation of the Prince of Peace to all the world, and we offer these gifts to be used in your service. Fill our hearts with your peace and illuminate our lives with the light that he shines upon all people. May we receive every gift from you as a foretaste of the glorious gift of your Son Jesus Christ as he comes to us in all of your fullness. To you, for him, and through your Spirit, be our grateful praise.

People **Amen.**

Prayers

Please kneel.

A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

Please stand.

Edward Woodall Naylor

Final Response

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Anglican Church of Burundi; Bishop Andrew Asbil, Diocesan Bishop and the young adults of the parish</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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