

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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 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.

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Sunday School meets every week at the 9:00am & 11:00am service.
Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca 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 in Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am service.

Parking

There are a variety of inexpensive parking lots available around the Cathedral.
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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

First Reader: Moses Kiwanuka • Second Reader: Robert Coates

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell

Associate Organist (Interim): 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 and in loving memory of

Harry & Eva Wall; Cpl. Gordon and Mabel Saunders and Joyce Ellen Farrish

Marguerite Wilkinson and Gabrielle and Earl Alleyne

Miriam Suite George

Mrs. Joane Noble

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 Were You There?

Arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Welcome

Introit An Easter Introit

Gwilym Beechey

Choir

Christ the Lord is risen! Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed His reigning power. Behold the great accuser cast Down from the skies, to rise no more: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ the Lord is risen! Rejoice, ye heavens! let ev'ry star Shine with new glories round the sky! Saints, while ye sing the heav'nly war, Raise your Redeemer's name on high! Alleluia, alleluia.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Bernard Rose

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.

Psalm 103

Chant by Henry Walford Davies

Choir

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
Who redeems your life from the Pit

and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;
For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;
On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments to do them.
The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.
Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.
Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his,

in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38

Reader

Then bring near to you your brother Aaron, and his sons with him, from among the Israelites, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. You shall make sacred vestments for the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron. And you shall speak to all who have ability, whom I have endowed with skill, that they make Aaron's vestments to consecrate him for my priesthood. These are the vestments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a chequered tunic, a turban, and a sash. When they make these sacred vestments for your brother Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests,

In the breastpiece of judgement you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord; thus Aaron shall bear the judgement of the Israelites on his heart before the Lord continually.

You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. It shall have an opening for the head in the middle of it, with a woven binding round the opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it may not be torn. On its lower hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, all round the lower hem, with bells of gold between them all round—a golden bell and a pomegranate alternating all round the lower hem of the robe. Aaron shall wear it when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord, and when he comes out, so that he may not die.

You shall make a rosette of pure gold, and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the Lord.' You shall fasten it on the turban with a blue cord; it shall be on the front of the turban. It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall take on himself any guilt incurred in the holy offering that the Israelites consecrate as their sacred donations; it shall always be on his forehead, in order that they may find favour before the Lord.

Reader

Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Evening Canticles in F by John Ireland

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

Matthew 7:15-29

Reader

‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?” Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who

built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Canticles in F by John Ireland

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 God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of the flock: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, so that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God, the Shepherd of Israel.

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 **They that that go down to the sea**

Herbert Sumsion

Choir They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Homily

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: England's Lane

All

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, alt. Music: Melody English trad.

Offertory Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

Holy Love, whose victory over evil, sin, and death fills our hearts with joy, bless these gifts we offer. May they be used to proclaim your resurrection light in a world longing for peace and justice. Strengthen us to serve in love, that your kingdom may come. Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

People **Amen.**

Prayers

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 Response

Edward Woodall Naylor

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude Dance

Kola Owolabi

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Theological Education / Vocations for Ministry and the Altar Guild</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 or our curate, The Rev'd Matthew Waterman: mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865, ext. 254</p>

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, May 11, 2025

Sunday School: At 9:00am & 11:00am. **Coffee Hour:** After 9:00am & 11:00am.

Info sessions for Doors Open volunteers: Today after the 9:00am services in the East Aisle.

Vocation Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday & Mother's Day



Today, we reflect on God's call to each of us to ministry.

We are reminded that Jesus is our shepherd, and we are both his sheep and his under-shepherds, called to lead with love.

Is it also Mother's Day, a time to honour those whose love reflects God's love—mothers and mother figures, caregivers and mentors, spiritual mothers and grandmothers, elders and aunties—those who shepherd with grace in daily, often unseen ways.

Happy Mother's Day! Blessings to you on this day!

Today: Baptism at Pentecost preparation begins



Baptism preparation will begin today, following the 11:00am service in the Library. Please contact The Rev. Matthew Waterman at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Holy Baptism will be administered on the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 8, at the 11:00am service.

Saturday, May 24 & Sunday, May 25:

Doors Open at St. James Cathedral & St. James Cemetery



We look forward to having thousands of visitors to St. James Cathedral and St. James Cemetery on Parliament Street. Bring the whole family and step inside. All are welcome!

St. James Cathedral:

May 24: 10:00am to 5:00pm & May 25: 1:00pm to 4:00pm (Special programming).

Sunday services at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

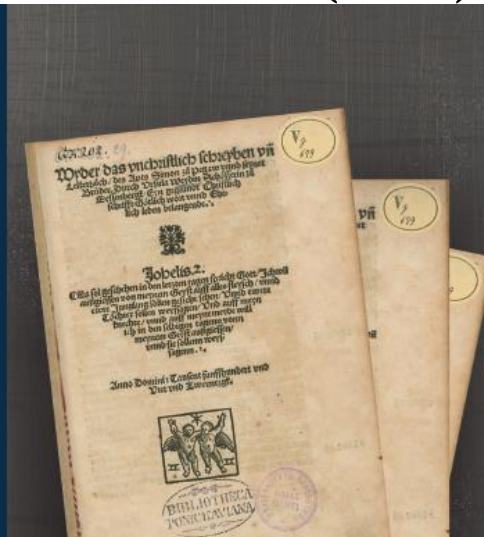
Children & Families: May 24, beginning at 12:00pm. *Build Your Own Cathedral* activity & a scavenger hunt to find animals hidden in the Cathedral. Chances to win prizes!

St. James Cemetery & Crematorium: (635 Parliament Street, Toronto)

May 24 & 25 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Call for volunteers: Would you like to help this year? Contact info@stjamescathedral.ca, (416)364-7865. Information sessions today & Sunday, May 18 after the 9:00am service.

Saturday, May 24 at 9:00am: Wycliffe College Women's Breakfast (online)



The York Group hosts the Wycliffe College Women's Breakfast, which will be live-streamed in the Lecture Room, with Dr. Marion Taylor, Professor of Old Testament and Graduate Director. Please register for breakfast by emailing info@stjamescathedral.ca. Donations are warmly welcome in support of bursaries for women studying at Wycliffe College. For more information, please visit: stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group/

Sunday, June 15 at 4:30pm: Jazz in the Cathedral - Jazz, Jesus and Justice



Kalabash, a Jazz band, and the Choir of St. James will lead a special evening of Jazz and Gospel Music. Scripture, secular readings, a brief reflection, and the music will bring our concerns for peace and justice into sharp focus. Be sure to join us at 4:30pm.

Friday, June 20 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night

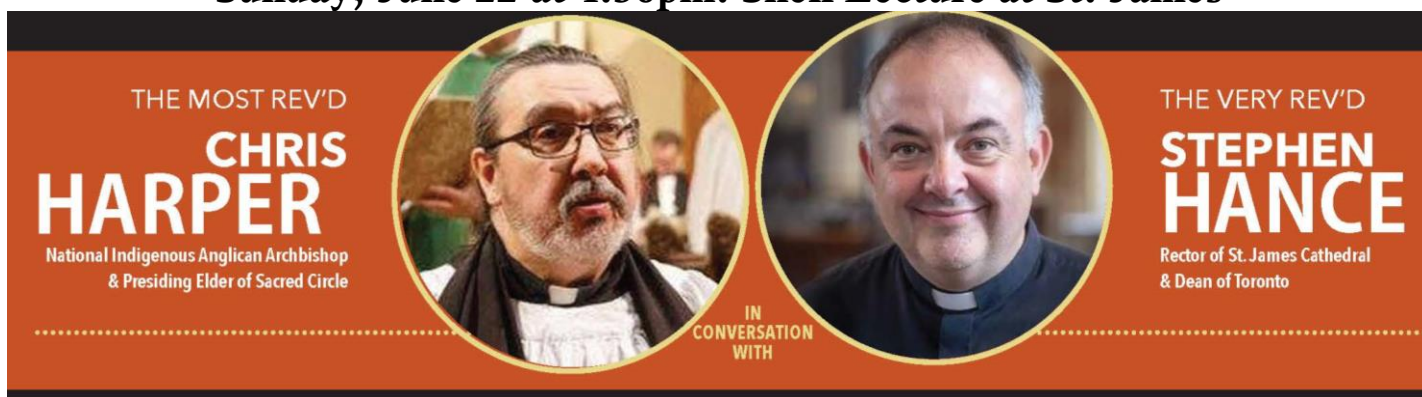


Join us from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Cathedral & the West Lawn.

The Children's Ministry is offering a free fun activity for the whole family with the theme: *End of school year beach party*. Please RSVP to Karyne Whalen, Children's Minister at: kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

Don't miss it, it will be a beach of a time!

Sunday, June 22 at 4:30pm: Snell Lecture at St. James



Join us as we celebrate National Indigenous Day of Prayer and National Indigenous History Month! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with important themes and deepen our understanding of Indigenous history and spirituality.

Speaker: The Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of Sacred Circle.

"Truth Telling and Reconciliation in the Age of Transition".

Schedule:

4:30pm – 5:30pm: Eucharist

5:30pm – 6:00pm: Reception in the Cathedral

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Snell Lecture + Q&A

Thanks to the Anglican Foundation of Canada for their support.

RSVP on Eventbrite:



The Children's Program meets every Sunday. Invite the little ones!



All children ages 3-12 are welcome at the 9:00am & 11:00am services for a fun and playful service about Jesus Christ.

Our children wonder, explore, grow, sing, create, and have fun, all while encountering Jesus.

For more information, please contact our Children's Minister, Karyne Whalen, at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

Invite the little ones!

Sing with us!



The Choir of St. James Cathedral welcomes applications for singers with musical experience.

If you would like to join one of our choirs or know of others who would like to, contact Thomas Bell, Director of Music at tbell@stjamescathedral.ca, who would be delighted to hear from you.

Please share this with your friends and family.

All voices are welcome!

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.

The Vicar will be away from Sunday, May 18-24, for his long-delayed "Winter Break".

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.

Morning Prayer Online: Start your day with prayer! Join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral for Morning Prayer in our ZoomChapel, Monday through Friday. Follow this link <https://bit.ly/MPatSJC> or scan the QR code.



Tuesday: Organ Recital on May 13 at 1:00pm. Organist Joshua Duncan Lee. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

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 for a nutritious meal.

Sunday: Children's school: At 9:00am & 11:00am. **Coffee Hour:** After 9:00am & 11:00am.

St. James Cemetery: Pre-planning, plots, services.

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Sunday Services – May 18, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

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

11:00am: Choral Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Diocesan channel youtube.com/@anglicandioto and the Cathedral channel*).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong (*live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*).

Readings for the

Fifth Sunday in Easter

Acts 11.1-18

Psalms 148

Revelation 21.1-6

John 13.31-35

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