

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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.

For more information, visit our website by clicking the QR code on the right.



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Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

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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Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Philip Hobson, ogs
Cathedral Clergy: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance
First Reader: Dorothea Merritt • Second Reader: Brainerd Blyden-Taylor
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

in loving memory of Margaret & Frederick B. Rainsberry

on the anniversary of Madeline Wright Kibblesmith's christening and in loving memory of her great-grandparents Mary and Murray James

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

Introit Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

Choir

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

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.

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Officiant

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 8

Chant by J. Corfe

Choir

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What is man, that you should be mindful of him; the son of man, that you should seek him out?

You have made him little lower than the angels and crown him with glory and honour.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under his feet,

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

Psalm 84

Chant by C. H. H. Parry

Choir

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house:

they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

They will go from strength to strength

and appear before God in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts

is better than a thousand.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you.

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

Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36

Reader

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Take Aaron and his sons with him, the vestments, the anointing-oil, the bull of sin-offering, the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; and assemble the whole congregation at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And Moses did as the Lord commanded him. When the congregation was assembled at the entrance of the tent of meeting, Moses said to the congregation, 'This is what the Lord has commanded to be done.'

Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons forward, and washed them with water. He put the tunic on him, fastened the sash around him, clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him. He then put the decorated band of the ephod around him, tying the ephod to him with it. He placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim. And he set the turban on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden ornament, the holy crown, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Then Moses took the anointing-oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its base, to consecrate them. He poured some of the anointing-oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him. And Moses brought forward Aaron's sons, and clothed them with tunics, and fastened sashes around them, and tied head-dresses on them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Then Moses took some of the anointing-oil and some of the blood that was on the altar and sprinkled them on Aaron and his vestments, and also on his sons and their vestments. Thus he consecrated Aaron and his vestments, and also his sons and their vestments.

And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, 'Boil the flesh at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that is in the basket of ordination-offerings, as I was commanded, "Aaron and his sons shall eat it"; and what remains of the flesh and the bread you shall burn with fire. You shall not go outside the entrance of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day when your period of ordination is completed. For it will take seven days to ordain you; as has been done today, the Lord has commanded to be done to make atonement for you. You shall remain at the entrance of the tent of meeting day and night for seven days, keeping the Lord's charge so that you do not die; for so I am commanded.' Aaron and his sons did all the things that the Lord commanded through Moses.

Reader

Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Evening Canticles in A by Herbert Sumsion

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 7:7-14

Reader

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Canticles in A by Herbert Sumsion

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 God of glory, whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death and found

life in the darkness: may his love be our law, so that, undimmed by fear, we may witness to the power of new birth, through Jesus Christ, the first-born

from the dead.

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 If ye be risen again with Christ

Orlando Gibbons

Choir If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where

Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our

life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Homily

All

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Tune: Creator God

Hymn at the Collection

Safe in the shadow of the Lord beneath his hand and power,

I trust in him, I trust in him, my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone though Satan spreads his snare;

I trust in him, I trust in him,

to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night, from foes about my way,

I trust in him, I trust in him,

by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet secure from every stone; I trust in him, I trust in him, and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name, and in my Father's care, I trust in him, I trust in him, who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord, possessed by love divine, I trust in him, I trust in him, and meet his love with mine.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1970)

Offertory Prayer

Dean

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.

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

This week, please pray for: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; Scarborough Deanery and the Carillon Bell ringers

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, May 18, 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.

Organ Recitals for May at 1:00pm. All are invited!



Our Organ Recital series features some of the region's finest organists and the powerful sounds of St. James Cathedral's 5,000 organ pipes.

Tuesday, May 20: Ying Quan

Tuesday, May 27: Derrick Meador

Full schedule: stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals/

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: (106 King Street East, Toronto)

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. Join us for a *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 <u>info@stjamescathedral.ca</u>, (416)364-7865. Information sessions today after the 9:00am service.

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



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.

Donations are warmly welcome in support of bursaries for women studying at Wycliffe College.

Please register for breakfast by emailing <u>info@stjamescathedral.ca</u> For more information about the speaker, please visit: <u>stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group/</u>

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 as we celebrate and take part in the Toronto Jazz Festival.

Scripture, secular readings, a brief reflection, and powerful music will bring our shared 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 Invite the little ones—don't miss it!

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 meaningful themes and deepen our understanding of Indigenous history and spirituality.

The Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, will preach at the 9:00am and the 11:00am services. At 6:00pm, following Choral Evensong, he will offer his talk, "Truth Telling and Reconciliation in the Age of Transition," in the Cathedral as part of the Snell Lecture series.

Schedule:

9:00am & 11:00am: Preaching

4:30pm – 5:30pm: Choral Evensong

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

6:00pm – **7:00pm:** Snell Lecture + Q&A with Dean Hance

Information & RSVP: <u>stjamescathedral.ca/june-22-snell-lecture/</u> Thanks to the Anglican Foundation of Canada for their support.



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 it with your friends and family. All voices are welcome!



Summer Service Hours

For the nine Sundays **from July 6 through September 1** (Labour Day weekend), we will have services at 8:00am, 10:30am, and 4:30pm. Our Sunday Children's Program will continue at 10:30am and Coffee Hour will follow the 10:30am service.

The 8:00am and 4:30pm services will remain unchanged.

We will return to both 9:00am and 11:00am services on Sunday, September 8.

OTHER EVENTS



St. Bartholomew's, Regent Park news

Ascension Day:

Sung Mass on Thursday, May 29 at 6:30pm.

Learn more: stbartstoronto.ca/

Outreach at St. Bart's:

Serving the disadvantaged for 150 years, St. Bart's welcomes volunteers and donations.

Our thanks to St. James Cathedral for your partnership in ministry!

Learn more: stbartstoronto.ca/outreach

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.

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

Victoria Day: The Cathedral & Cathedral Centre offices will be closed and staff & clergy will be off tomorrow, Monday, May 19, for the Victoria Day holiday.

Visit us: This week, the Cathedral is open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am–3:00pm. This week, the Cathedral Centre offices are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

Online Morning Prayer: *This week only,* join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral from Tuesday to Friday for Morning Prayer in our **Zoom Chapel**. To access, please follow this link: https://bit.ly/MPatSJC or scan the QR code. For more information, visit: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/



Tuesday: Organ Recital on May 20 at 1:00pm. Organist: Ying Quan. Free admission.

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.

Doors Open – St. James Cathedral: May 24 (10:00am-5:00pm)/May 25 (1:00pm-5:00pm).

Doors Open – St. James Cemetery: May 24/25 (10:00am-5:00pm).

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

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

Sunday Services – May 25, 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 Sixth Sunday in Easter

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

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