



Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

Celebrating the Toronto Jazz Festival

Jazz Vespers at 4:30pm
Jazz, Jesus, Justice

The Sounds and Songs of Justice & Freedom
with
Kalabash and the Choir of St. James Cathedral

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 and 11:00am services.
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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 services.

Parking

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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Today at St. James

Officiant: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Intercessors: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts and The Reverend Matthew Waterman

First Reader: Philippa Campsie • Second Reader: Shawn Thorpe

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by Choir of St. James Cathedral • Jazz Music by Kalabash

Introduction of Kalabash

While there have been individual soloists who use the steel drum as a lead instrument in different jazz contexts, **Kalabash** is distinctive as a jazz sextet that is built around the sound of this unique instrument, and that is focused on performing original material. The combination of reeds and flute with the steel drums gives the group a special sound that has made the band a hit with festival audiences. Formed in Toronto in 1993, the group has established a great performance record in that city and beyond.

Live performances include Toronto, (the du Maurier Downtown Jazz Festival, the Super Dome, the Beaches Jazz Festival, a CD launch performance at the Berlin Club, the Distillery Jazz Festival); New Orleans-Essence Magazine's 25th Anniversary Music Festival, and Barbados: the Barbados Jazz Festival, Toronto. **Kalabash** has been featured in a one hour TV show on BRAVO! TV's "Jazzman" series (1995) that was syndicated and aired extensively on Black Entertainment Television's "BET on Jazz." The band has also been featured in two BRAVO! TV videos of original music, and a video of its performance in Trinidad and Tobago at "Jazz Artists On The Greens 2010" where Kalabash headlined.

Kalabash has released two CDs to date, and is actively marketing itself to jazz and world music festivals in North America and across the globe.

Colleen Allen, *Sax, Flute, Clarinet*

Gareth Burgess, *Steel Pan, Mallet Kat*

Joaquin Nunez Hidalgo, *Drums*

Anthony Pierre, *Percussion*

Michael Shand, *Keyboards*

Andrew Stewart, *Bass*

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God in loving memory of

Archibald Macdonald Robison

Mr. Philip Noble

Mei King Cheung Naidu

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit – We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace *The Choir of St. James Cathedral*

Welcome *The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance*

Opening Prayer

Dean God of mercy, rhythm, and righteousness, we gather in the stillness of evening, as the sounds of the spiritual and the notes of jazz, unscripted, soulful, and true, and rise like incense in this holy place. We come seeking the One who walks the margins, who overturned tables and turned hearts, who spoke truth with courage and healed with love.

Jesus, our Liberator and Lord, you are the melody in our movement, the harmony in our struggle for justice. Teach us to hear your voice in the silence and the music, to feel your Spirit in the syncopation, and to trust your presence in the in-between spaces.

As we listen, pray, and reflect, let the improvisation of grace surprise us. Let the groove of your kingdom guide us. Let the call of justice ring clear in our souls.

We offer this time, these sounds and our heart to you, O Christ, who is always composing freedom and peace out of brokenness and longing.

All **Amen.**

A Biblical Reading about Justice

Amos 5:18-24

Amos tells of God's challenge to all who profess faith

Reader Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

“There's no reconciliation without justice. And there's no justice without truth.”

*Cindy Blackstock
(Gitxsan, Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society)*

First Suite – So What & All Blues

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A Biblical Reading about Justice

Psalm 82

Justice as the Order of the Universe

Dean God stands in the council of heaven
and gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

All **“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favour to the wicked?**

Dean Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

All **Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

Dean They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

All **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

Dean nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”

All **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own!**

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” *The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Second Suite – Blue Bossa & Take Five

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A Biblical Reading about Justice

Luke 1:46-55

Mary testifies to God’s liberating work

Reader And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

“Freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience. I don't believe you can stand for freedom for one group of people and deny it to others.” *Coretta Scott King*

The Spirituals –
Down By the Riverside arr. Stacey V. Gibbs
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed arr. Andre Thomas
Freedom Trilogy by Paul Halley

The Choir of St. James Cathedral

Reflection

The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Final Suite – What’s Going On? & Hymn to Freedom

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The Lord’s Prayer –
In the Face of Injustice and Inequity

The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts
The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Clergy

Our Father in heaven,

Source of all life, we are all your children, made in your image and called to share in the care of your creation. You have made us neither more nor less than the other. Help us to see each other as brother, sister and sibling, all children of the same Source of Life.

Hallowed be Your name,

Sacred One, you have been called by many names, among them, “God our Deliverer” and “God of Peace”. Come to us in this time of division and hate, deliver us from every inclination to dehumanize each other. Speak to us your word of Peace.

Your kingdom come,

Source of Truth, who sent the Holy Spirit, The Comforter, to lead us into all truth. Enable us to consistently seek to authentically engage and genuinely demonstrate a true understanding and appreciation of others different from ourselves.

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Sharing God, your dream is that we will see each other as equal beneficiaries of your abundant love and life, and heirs of your kingdom. Make your dream ours, and grant that the desire of your sacred heart be expressed in our craving for justice and mercy for all.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Supplier of every need, give us all a daily portion of your Holy Spirit. Grant that we who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be fed with your Bread of Justice.

Forgive us our sins,

Saving God, we have fallen short in our effort to reflect your image, we have not always sought Christ in all persons, we have not always respected the

dignity of every one, we have not always loved our neighbours as ourselves, we have not always loved one another as you love us. In your mercy, pardon and forgive us.

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Strengthening God, we have seen in Jesus what it means to forgive those who cause immense pain and suffering. Steel our sinews that as we endure the pain that we suffer through abused and exclusion, we will find it within our hearts to work for reconciliation and peace.

Save us from the time of trial,

Sustaining God, it is easy for us to choose to retaliate with hatred and seek to take “an eye for an eye”. In the moment of such temptation, help us to see that we will all be blind. Enable us to show those who hurt that there is another way, a way to heal and to be healed.

And deliver us from evil.

Shepherding God, prepare your table for us that we may invite our adversaries to sit with us as we extend gracious hospitality to all that we may all to feast on the abundance of your love.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sovereign God, we give you honour, glory, praise and thanksgiving, for you have called us to labour with you for that day when no one will hurt or seek to destroy the other, and your earth will be full of the knowledge of you as the waters cover the sea. Amen.

Written by The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

The Blessing

Dean

O Christ, our justice and our joy, as the last note lingers and the shadows deepen, we give thanks for this sacred time, where melody met mercy, and rhythm met righteousness. may the truths we have heard tonight echo in our hearts and may the Spirit’s song continue in our lives.

Go now in peace, carried by the Spirit’s groove, anchored in the love of Jesus, and committed to the work of justice. May your lives become instruments of healing, your voices rise for the voiceless, and your days be scored with hope, and may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you, in every step, every struggle, and every song.

All

Amen.

Postlude – Pan Rebellion

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