

# **The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

*August 3, 2025*

*Choral Evensong at 4:30pm*

*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

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### Liturgical Note:

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## **Today at St. James**

*Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Matthew Waterman*

*First Reader: Robert Coates • Second Reader: Shawn Thorpe*

*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 and in loving memory of*

*Mr. Philip and Mrs. Joane Noble*

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

*Please ensure that cell phones are muted.*



and saved me from all my troubles.  
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him  
and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;  
blessed is the one who trusts in him.  
Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord  
lack nothing that is good.  
Come, my children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is there who delights in life  
and longs for days to enjoy good things?  
Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.  
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.  
Many are the troubles of the righteous;  
from them all will the Lord deliver them.  
He keeps all their bones,  
so that not one of them is broken.  
But evil shall slay the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants  
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

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.

*Reader*

The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years. The hand of Midian prevailed over Israel; and because of Midian the Israelites provided for themselves hiding-places in the mountains, caves and strongholds. For whenever the Israelites put in seed, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east would come up against them. They would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the land, as far as the neighbourhood of Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel, and no sheep or ox or donkey. For they and their livestock would come up, and they would even bring their tents, as thick as locusts; neither they nor their camels could be counted; so they wasted the land as they came in. Thus Israel was greatly impoverished because of Midian; and the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.

When the Israelites cried to the Lord on account of the Midianites, the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites; and he said to them, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt, and brought you out of the house of slavery; and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you, and gave you their land; and I said to you, “I am the Lord your God; you shall not pay reverence to the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.” But you have not given heed to my voice.’

Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, ‘The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior.’ Gideon answered him, ‘But sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, “Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?” But now the Lord has cast us off, and given us into the hand of Midian.’ Then the Lord turned to him and said, ‘Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you.’ He responded, ‘But sir, how can I deliver Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.’ The Lord said to him, ‘But I will be with you, and you shall strike down the Midianites, every one of them.’ Then he said to him, ‘If now I have found favour with you, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. Do not depart from here

until I come to you, and bring out my present, and set it before you.’ And he said, ‘I will stay until you return.’

So Gideon went into his house and prepared a kid, and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour; the meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the oak and presented them. The angel of God said to him, ‘Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour out the broth.’ And he did so. Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. Then Gideon perceived that it was the angel of the Lord; and Gideon said, ‘Help me, Lord God! For I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face.’ But the Lord said to him, ‘Peace be to you; do not fear, you shall not die.’ Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it, The Lord is peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

*Reader* Here ends the lesson.

**Magnificat**

*Fauxbourdons on tones VIII and III by Healey Willan*

*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

*John 1:43-51*

*Reader* The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*Reader* Here ends the lesson.

## Nunc Dimittis

*Fauxbourdons on tones VIII and III by Healey Willan*

*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* Living God, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: give us wisdom, so that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives and the lives of others. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 Rejoice In The Lord Alway**

Anon

*Choir* Rejoice in the Lord always,  
and again I say, rejoice.  
Let your softness be known unto all men:  
the Lord is at hand.  
Be careful for nothing:  
but in all prayer and supplication,  
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.  
And the peace of God,  
which passeth all understanding,  
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

**Homily**

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**Hymn at the Collection**

Tune: Slane

*All* Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## **Offertory Prayer**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Holy Spirit of God, you breathe life into your Church and set our hearts on fire with love; Consecrate us for your service, make us channels of your mercy, bless these gifts we offer, and use them to spread your peace, your justice, and your joy. In Christ we pray.

*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

### PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:*

*The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; The Compass Rose Society and the Scripture Circle*

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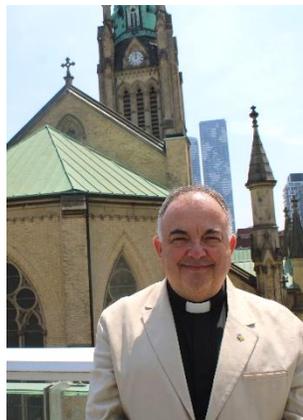
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## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, August 3, 2025

**Summer Services:** Until September 1, services at 8:00am, 10:30am, and 4:30pm.

**Sunday School:** At the 10:30am service. **Coffee Hour:** After the 10:30am service.

### Message from the Dean



Happy summer, everyone! I hope you will have some time to recharge and relax over these summer weeks. Jacqui and I are looking forward to spending August in the UK, visiting family and friends, attending the Greenbelt arts festival, and squeezing in a few days in beautiful Paris before returning home to Toronto. When we do return to our regular Sunday services at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm on Sunday, September 7, we will be refreshing our 9:00am Eucharist with a new name, *Worship Together*, and an ethos of intergenerational participation. Following the Children's Community Choir Day Camp in late August, we will be launching the choir proper in September.

We have some great events coming up! Invite your friends, we look forward to seeing you:

- September 16: I will be running my online course *Everyday Witness*. Read more below: [www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/) or scan the QR codes for more information and to register.

Details here:



Register here:



- September 27: Annual Walk-a-thon at Edward Gardens in the morning
  - September 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night Fundraiser in the evening
  - October 4: Blessing of the Animals on the West Lawn
  - October 5: Special Vestry Meeting
  - October 25: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).  
Get your Early Bird tickets now on [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/)
  - Beginning October 26: Guest preachers will come to share on the topic '*A Renewed Church*'
  - Monthly Family Fun Nights and Community Playdates continue through the Fall
- And then, of course, there is All Souls, All Saints, Remembrance, and Advent!

May this season of rest prepare us to receive the ongoing renewal offered to us by the Holy Spirit. This summer, let's take a pause to breathe so that, come Fall, we can be ready to play our parts, all of us, giving, praying, serving, and inviting, all for the sake of our city, which God loves and for which Jesus died.

Your friend, Dean Stephen Hance

## August 25-28: Free Children's Community Choir Day Camp at St. James



We are excited to offer a free Choir Day Camp for children aged 6–12 from August 25-28. Camp activities include music games, art, drama, guest musicians, and outdoor time from 9:00am-3:00pm. The week will conclude with a final recital for family and friends on Thursday, August 28, at 3:00pm.

**RSVP here:** [www.stjamescathedral.ca/choircamp](http://www.stjamescathedral.ca/choircamp)

For more information, please contact: Cara Halpin, Children's Community Choir Director at [chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca)

## September 6 from 10:00am to 11:30am: Community Playdate



We're excited to continue community playdates on **the first Saturday of each month!** Bring your family for a fun morning on the West Lawn of the Cathedral and enjoy coffee on us while the kids play, create, and connect with other local families. These gatherings are free and open to all, so bring a friend and help us spread the word!

**Please register** at [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/), so we can make sure there are supplies for all (but last-minute additions are welcome, too).

## September 17 at 2:00pm: Invitation from the York Group



Come and join the York Group on Wednesday, September 17 at 2:00pm in the Lecture Room as we host one of our very own clergy, The Rev'd Matthew Waterman who will share with us how his faith developed and has evolved.

He will also be telling us more about the important and meaningful ministry of lay pastoral visiting.

Do join us for what promises to be an interesting afternoon! No RSVP required. All are welcome.

## September 26 at 6:00pm: Free Family Fun Night



Join us from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Cathedral!

The Children's Ministry is offering a monthly free, fun activity for the whole family with free pizza and snacks. Please RSVP to Karyne Whalen, our Children, Youth, and Family Minister, at [kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca). Help us to spread the word. Invite your friends!

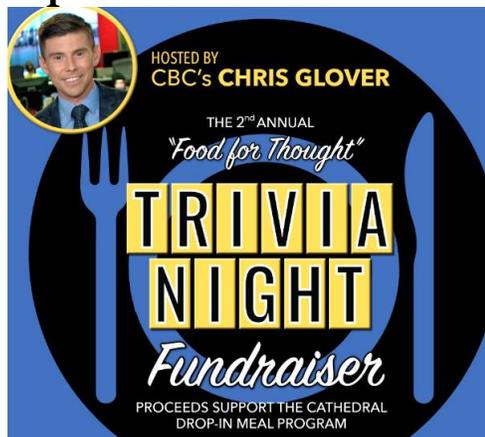
## September 27 at 10:30am: Refugee Walk-a-thon 2025 Mark your calendars! *Marjorie Rudder Walks for Refugees*



Marjorie Rudder will be leading the St. James and Community Refugee Committee in celebrating its 10th anniversary of sponsoring refugee resettlement with a fundraising walkathon at Edwards Gardens in Toronto. Come with your sneakers, enjoy connecting with the community and nature, and invite your friends to help us reach our \$15,000 fundraising goal.

Join us as we walk through the beautiful gardens and show your support by donating to this worthy cause at: [stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025)

## September 27: Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night is back to support our Drop-In program!



**Invitation:** Mark your calendars to come and have a fun evening with friends, family, or colleagues! We will have great prizes for the winners, an entertainment intermission to keep the energy high, and a 50/50 draw to add to the excitement. Join us! Delicious food and drinks will be available throughout the night. It promises to be a memorable evening to support neighbours in need.

**Call for Volunteers:** Help us with set up, guest registration, serving, restocking, selling food and drinks, and 50/50 tickets, and the always popular clean-up.

If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-364-7865 Ext. 222 or at [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

## October 25 at 8:00pm: Organist David Briggs is back with a classic!



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8:00 pm



Experience a truly unforgettable evening as world-renowned organist David Briggs brings the 1925 silent film classic *The Phantom of the Opera* to life with a spellbinding, fully improvised performance on St. James Cathedral's majestic 5,000-pipe organ.

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Early Bird Tickets (until August 25) available here: [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/)

## 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 Dean is away on summer vacation.

**Visit us:** The staff and clergy will be off for the Civic Holiday on Monday, August 4.

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

**Online Morning Prayer:** Join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral from Monday 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/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/)



**Wednesday:** Scripture Circle gathers in the Cathedral Centre at 11:00am.

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

**Sunday: Sunday School:** At the 10:30am service. **Coffee Hour:** After the 10:30am service.

### Sunday Services – August 10, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**10:30am:** Choral Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Cathedral channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*).

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

**Readings for The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Is 1:1, 10-20

Ps 50:1-8, 23-24

Heb 11:1-3, 8-16

Lk 12:32-40

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