

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 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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Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week at the 10:30am service.

Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
please email Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

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Please join us at Snell Hall following the 10:30am service.

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Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Greg Carpenter

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

First Reader: Tina Conlon • 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.

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 choir processions, the canticles, and the hymn; to sit for the Bible readings and the homily; and to kneel or sit for prayer. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

Welcome

Introit **Let Thy Merciful Ears**

Thomas Mudd

Choir

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions,
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

William Smith

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 145

Chant by T. Hanforth

Choir

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.
They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,

and I will also tell of your greatness.
They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.
All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power,
To make known to all peoples your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.
The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over those who love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and 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.

First Lesson

Judges 16:15-31

Reader

Then she said to him, ‘How can you say, “I love you”, when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me three times now and have not told me what makes your strength so great.’ Finally, after she had nagged him with her words day after day, and pestered him, he was tired to death. So he told her his whole secret, and said to her, ‘A razor has never come upon my head; for I have been a nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If my head were shaved, then my strength would leave me; I would become weak, and be like anyone else.’

When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, ‘This time come up, for he has told his whole secret to me.’ Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hands. She let him fall asleep on her lap; and she called a man, and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. He began to weaken, and his strength left him. Then she said, ‘The Philistines are upon you, Samson!’ When he awoke from his sleep, he thought, ‘I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free.’ But he did not know that the Lord had left him. So the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles; and he ground at the mill in the prison. But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to rejoice; for they said, ‘Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.’ When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, ‘Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.’ And when their hearts were merry, they said, ‘Call Samson, and let him entertain us.’ So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. They made him stand between the pillars; and Samson said to the attendant who held him by the hand, ‘Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, so that I may lean against them.’ Now the house was full of men and women; all the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about three thousand men and women, who looked on while Samson performed.

Then Samson called to the Lord and said, ‘Lord God, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God, so that with this one act of revenge I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes.’ And Samson grasped the

two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. Then Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines.' He strained with all his might; and the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed during his life. Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel for twenty years.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

'Truro' Evening Service by Gabriel Jackson

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 5:30-47

Reader

'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works

that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

‘Truro’ Evening Service by Gabriel Jackson

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 Judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression. Give us courage to stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed; and give us fire to proclaim your burning gospel for the sake of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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 **Steal Away** Traditional African American spiritual; arr. David Blackwell

Choir Steal away, steal away,
steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here. [*Refrain*]

Green trees are bending,
Poor sinners stand a trembling;
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here. [*Refrain*]

Homily

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Surrey

All The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
and feed me with a shepherd's care;
his presence shall my wants supply,
and guard me with a watchful eye;
my noonday walks he shall attend,
and all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint,
or on the thirsty mountain pant,
to fertile vales and dewy meads
my weary wandering steps he leads,
where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in a bare and rugged way
through devious lonely wilds I stray,
thy bounty shall my pains beguile;
the barren wilderness shall smile
with sudden greens and herbage crowned,
and streams shall murmur all around.

Though in the paths of death I tread,
with gloomy horrors overspread,
my steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
for thou, O Lord, art with me still:
thy friendly staff shall give me aid,
and guide me through the dreadful shade.

JOSEPH ADDISON (1672-1719)* based on Psalm 23
Music: Henry Carey

Offertory Prayer

Priest

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 Scottish Episcopal Church; The Reconciliation Land Tithe Committee
and the administrative managers and staff of the cathedral*

PASTORAL CARE

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team, please contact:

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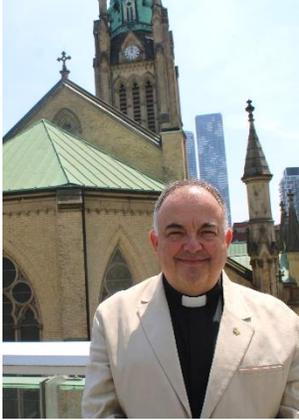
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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, August 17, 2025

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 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.

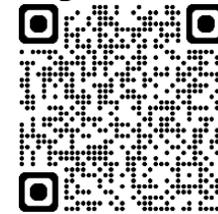
We have some great events coming up! Invite your friends, we look forward to seeing you:

- 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/ or scan the QR codes for more information and to register.

Details here:



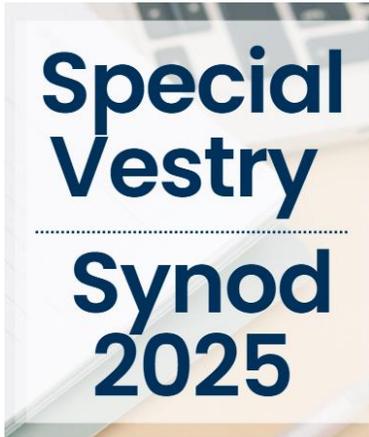
Register here:



- September 27: Annual Walk-a-thon at Edward Gardens in the morning
 - September 27: 2nd 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/ (until August 25)
 - Beginning October 26: Evensong guest preachers 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 Day, 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



Nominations are open now!

All parishioners are welcome to join the list of those willing to serve in our parish's Vestry or our Diocesan Synod. Nominations (self or other) for elected or appointed positions of Wardenship, Cathedral Council, and Synod representation are invited; these offices have a 1-year term & have varying levels of commitment.

- **Info sessions: Sept 7, 12:30pm** (In-person, Lecture Room) & **Sept 10, 7:30pm** (Online – Please RSVP for Zoom link: info@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865)
- **St James Special Vestry Meeting: October 5, 2025.**
- **Diocesan Synod pre-meeting Oct 4/Diocesan Synod Nov 7-8.**

For more info: Visit stjamescathedral.com/vestry2025 or talk with a member of the Vestry Nomination Committee, Don Solomon, Louis Nettleton, or Carol Kysela at coffee hour.

Saturday, September 6 at 10:00am: Free Community Playdate at St. James



Join us on the first Saturday of each month 10:00am-11:30am! Bring your family for a fun morning and enjoy coffee on us while the kids play, create, and connect with other local families. Bring a friend! Please register at stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/

Sunday, September 7: 9:00am *Worship Together* service



As Dean Stephen recently shared, our 9:00am service has been refreshed to more fully accommodate worshipers of all ages and abilities and encourage every member to not only engage but also lead in the service if they so desire. If you would like a preview of *Worship Together*, join us for a 'dress rehearsal' on August 31, at 9:00am.

Interested in volunteering? Contact The Rev. Matthew Waterman at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca All are welcome!

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



Come and join the York Group on September 17, in the Lecture Room, as they host The Rev'd Matthew Waterman. He'll share how his faith has evolved and the meaningful role of lay pastoral visiting in his ministry. It promises to be an engaging afternoon! No RSVP.

Thursday, September 18: Free rehearsals begin for our Children's Choir



We're inviting all children ages 6-16 who love music and singing to join our Children's Community Choir. Rehearsals are on **Thursdays beginning September 18, 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Cathedral Centre.** For more information, please contact: Cara Halpin, Children's Community Choir Director at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

Friday, September 26 at 6:00pm: Free Family Fun Night at St. James



Join us from 6:00pm to 8:00pm as the Children's Ministry is offering a free, fun activity for the whole family with pizza and snacks. RSVP to Karyne Whalen (kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca). Come with friends, we look forward to welcoming you!

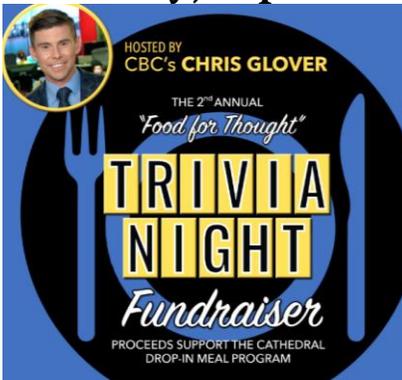
Saturday, September 27 at 10:30am: Refugee Walk-a-thon 2025

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. Come with your sneakers and connect with the community. Invite your friends to help reach the \$15,000 fundraising goal. Join us as we walk and show your support by donating to this worthy cause! Follow the link to donate: stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025

Saturday, September 27: 2nd Trivia Night is back supporting our Drop-In!



Invitation: Come and have a fun evening with friends, family, or colleagues! The Drop-In will have great prizes for the winners, a fantastic entertainment intermission, and a 50/50 draw. Delicious food and drinks will be available. It promises to be a memorable evening to support neighbours in need!

Call for Volunteers: Help us with set up, guest registration, serving, selling food, drinks, tickets, and clean-up.

Feel like helping? Contact Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-364-7865 Ext. 222 or at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

Saturday, October 25 at 8:00pm: *Phantom of the Opera* with David Briggs



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Saturday, October 25
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* on St. James Cathedral's majestic 5,000-pipe organ. The film will be shown on a large projection screen, set against the stunning backdrop of the Cathedral's breathtaking architecture and soaring acoustics. RSVP now!

Early Bird Tickets (until August 25) available here: 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.

The Vicar is away on vacation until August 19.

Visit us: The Cathedral is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

The Cathedral Centre offices are open Monday-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/



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 24, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

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

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

Readings for The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 1:4-10

Ps 71:1-6

Heb 12:18-29

Lk 13:10-17

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