



The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Choral Eucharist at 10:30am

*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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Today at St. James

Presider: The Reverend Lynn Braye

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Anointer: The Reverend Matthew Waterman • Sub-Deacon: David Grant

First Reader: Irene Bailey • Second Reader: Quentin Toderick

Intercessor: Richard Harrop • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

*Communion Ministers: The Reverend Dr. David Danner, Angela David, Peter Dawes
Sarah McKinnon and Paul Seddon*

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

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

And in loving memory of

*Paul Gorforth Jeffrey and Jane Jeffrey & Stephen Jeffrey
and Robin Robarts & Dr. Liss Jeffrey & John Paul Jeffrey*

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Our practice during this liturgy is to stand when we sing and during the proclamation of the Gospel, sit for other Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and stand, sit, or kneel for prayer. These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you during the service.

Music of the Mass: Communion Service in C by C. V. Stanford

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

Tune: Lobe Den Herren

All

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

Text: Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; Music: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665, alt.; desc. Craig Sellar Lang;

Presider

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Here in this place, there are no foreigners.

People

The love of God welcomes us all.

Presider Here in this place, there are no outsiders.

People **The love of God embraces us all.**

Presider Here in this place, there are no strangers.

People **The love of God unites us all.**

Presider Come, let us worship God in unity and love.

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Choir Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

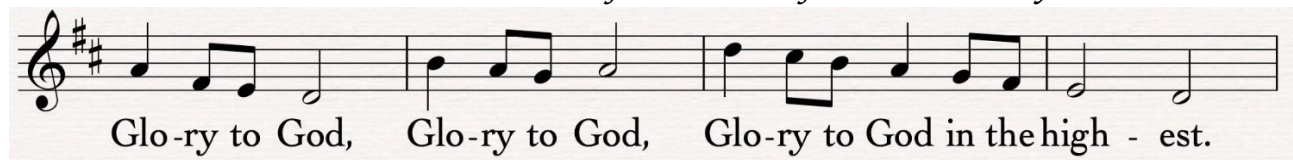
All **Amen.**

During the Gloria, children are invited to gather in front of the altar before proceeding to the Library in the Cathedral Centre for Sunday School; they will return at the Offertory.

Gloria

"Gloria" from Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne

Refrain



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est." The first two phrases are separated by a comma, and the third phrase is separated by a hyphen and the word "est".

Choir Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

All *Refrain*

Choir Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

All *Refrain*

Choir For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

All *Refrain*

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Inviting God, laying open your table to those without status or power, and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the one given for all.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Reader Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by

Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Chant by R.P. Goodenough

Choir Sing merrily to God our strength,
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
'I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'
But my people would not hear my voice
and Israel would not obey me.
So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts,
and let them walk after their own counsels.
O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
Then I should soon put down their enemies
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Reader Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gregory Murray

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Deacon On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”’; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would

be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Deacon The Gospel of Christ. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Presider Holy God, you teach us to honor you not only in the praise of our lips but also in the praise of our love for one another. Therefore we humbly offer you our prayers this day, saying, "Gracious God, hear our prayer."

Silence

Intercessor Gracious God,
People **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider O God our strength, teach us daily to do good and to share what we have, knowing that it is often through your faithful and attentive people that you answer prayers. Grant us grace to be a part of your answer for others, and to trust that you are working in ways we cannot yet see to answer the prayers we have offered this day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Guiting Power

All Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:

Refrain

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing by your humble birth: *[Refrain]*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: *[Refrain]*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: *[Refrain]*

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song: *[Refrain]*

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the

new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

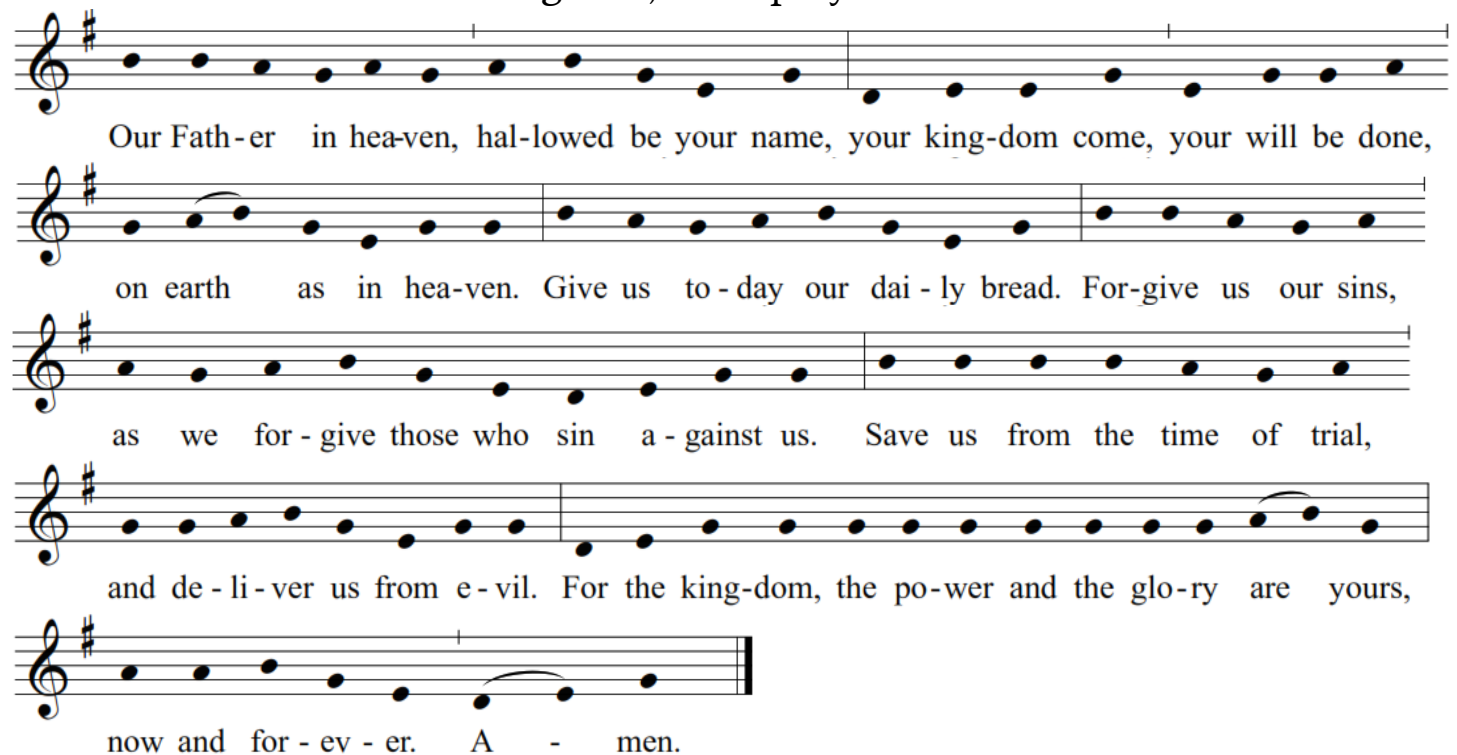
Presider Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A - men.

Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never

be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

- *All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing.*
- *Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*
- *It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.*
- *You are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.*

Communion Hymn

Tune: Grafton

All Now, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
in a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, and condescending
to be born for us below,
he, with us in converse blending,
dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending
his most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying,
'mid the Twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying,
gives himself with his own hand.

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

Motet
Choir

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
may the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep may his angels watch over you;
when you wake may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days
Then in heaven may you see his face.

May the Lord's loving kindness surround you;
keep you safe as you journey on your way:
May he lead you and inspire you
as he grants you the gift of each new day.

May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them;
Ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger at your door:
In the name of his Son our Saviour Christ
May God bless you now and evermore

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Presider Glory to God,
People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Laudate Dominum

All

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Text: Ps. 150; para. Henry Williams Baker, alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry;
Tune: Laudate Dominum

Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that God loves.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
The Church of South India (United); Bishop's Committee on Creation Care
and the Education for Ministry*

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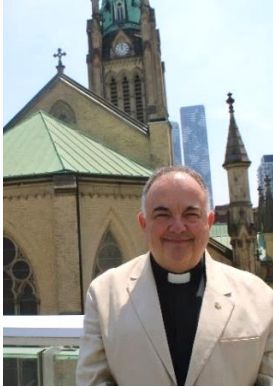
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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, August 31, 2025
***Sunday service hours: Starting next Sunday, September 7, our regular worship schedule resumes.** Join us for our 9:00am (Refreshed *Worship Together*) & 11:00am (Choral Eucharist).
 *Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am. Coffee Hour after 9:00am & 11:00am.

Message from the Dean



Summer is quickly coming to its end! Schools are set to re-open! I hope you had some time to recharge and relax. When we return to our regular Sunday services at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm, next 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 just-ended Children’s Community Choir Day Camp, 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:

- Sept. 7: *Worship Together*, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Anniversary of Accession.
- Sept. 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:



- Sept. 27: Annual Walk-a-thon at Edward Gardens in the morning
 - Sept. 27: 2nd Trivia Night Fundraiser in the evening
 - Oct. 4: Blessing of the Animals on the West Lawn
 - Oct. 5: Special Vestry Meeting
 - Oct. 25: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).
Get tickets on stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025 or Eventbrite
 - Oct. 12-Nov. 9: Sermon Series (mornings) on Stewardship: "*Abundant Grace, Faithful Response: Stewardship for God's Mission*"
 - Oct. 26-Nov. 23: Sermon Series-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

Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10:00am: Monthly Community Playdate

Bring your family for a fun morning and enjoy coffee (on us) while the kids play, create, and connect with other families. Bring a friend and **register** at stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/

Sept. 7 at 12:30pm & Sept. 10 at 7:30pm: Information Sessions



Nominations are open: 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 (1-year 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)
- **Special Vestry Meeting: Oct 5.**

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.

Sunday, Sept. 7: Blessing of the Backpacks (9:00am & 11:00am services)

We invite families to join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year! Bring your favourite backpack to church to be blessed & stay tuned for some exciting family faith-events.

Sunday, Sept. 7: 9:00am Worship Together Service, Join Us!



This refreshed service is designed for all ages and abilities! Let's participate *together*, learn *together*, pray *together*, dream *together*, and much more. This is a service to be involved in worship, leadership & community life *together*. Info: stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 4:30pm: Anniversary of Accession

Join us as the Cathedral Community will celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of King Charles' Accession to the Throne (Sept 8) at Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. Canon Michael Burgess.

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

The Rev. Matthew shares how his faith has evolved and the role of lay pastoral visiting.

Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30am: Rehearsals Begin for Our Children's Choir



We invite all children aged 6-16 who love music & singing to join our free Children's Community Choir. Rehearsals are on **Saturdays beginning Sept. 20, 9:30am to 10:30am** in the Cathedral Centre. Open to all! Info: Cara Halpin, Children's Community Choir Director at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

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



Join us at 6:00pm for a time of family fun with complimentary pizza, drinks, detours, roadblocks, and chances to win prizes. After we share a meal together, the race will begin. Theme: *The Amazing Race: St. James Cathedral* edition! **Please RSVP:** stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/ **Questions?** Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

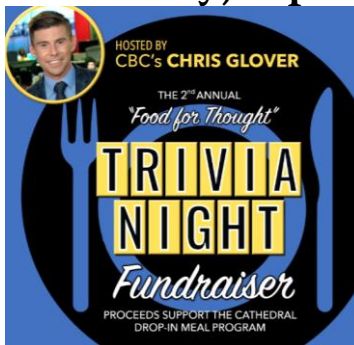
Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10:30am: Refugee Walk-a-thon 2025

Mark your calendars! *Marjorie Rudder Walks for Refugees at Edwards Gardens*



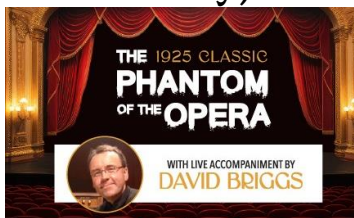
Join Marjorie Rudder and the St. James and Community Refugee Committee in celebrating its 10th anniversary of sponsoring refugee resettlement with a fundraising walkathon. Invite your friends to help reach the \$15,000 fundraising goal. Walk & show your support by donating to this cause! Link to donate: stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025

Saturday, Sept. 27 at 6:00pm: 2nd Trivia Night to support our Drop-In!



Come and have a fun evening with friends & family with prizes for winners, entertainment intermission, 50/50 draw, and a silent auction. All proceeds will support neighbours in need. Thank you! **Call for Volunteers:** Many roles available. To know more contact Kathy Biasi at 416-3647865, Ext.222/kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca **Tickets available:** Team table (8 players max.) & Individual. All tickets include the **Trivia Game + Meal.** **Get yours now:** stjamescathedral.ca/trivia-night-2025/

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



World-renowned organist David Briggs performs a live improvised score to the 1925 silent film *The Phantom of the Opera* on St. James Cathedral's 5,000-pipe organ. Enjoy the film on a large screen within the Cathedral's architecture and acoustics. **Tickets:** stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025 or Eventbrite.

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.

Monday, September 1 - Labour Day: The Cathedral and the Office are closed.
The Dean returns from summer vacation on Tuesday, September 2.

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

Donation envelopes: If you want to renew your envelopes for 2026, please contact Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865 Ext. 229.

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/



Tuesday: Organ Recitals are back on Sept. 9, at 1:00pm. Organist: Jean-Paul Feo.

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 Services – September 7, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together

11:00am: 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 13th
Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

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