



# **Emancipation Sunday**

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 27, 2025*

*Choral Eucharist at 10:30am*

*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

*Presider: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts*

*Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance*

*Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger*

*Anointer: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson • Sub-Deacon: Paul Seddon, ODT*

*Spoken Word Poet: Dwayne Morgan, OOnt*

*First Reader: Edwin Hawken • Second Reader: Nancy Conn*

*Intercessor: Peter Dawes • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT*

*Communion Ministers: John Hopperton, Mary Hopperton, Joanne Short  
Matt Jaeger & Michael Quaglia*

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

*Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee*

*Sung by Singers of St. James Cathedral*

### TODAY'S SPOKEN WORD POET

**Dwayne Morgan** OOnt, (Order of Ontario) is a Canadian spoken word artist, motivational speaker and event organizer. He is affectionately nicknamed “The Godfather' of Canadian Spoken Word Poetry”. He began his career as a spoken word artist in 1993 and is the founder of **Up From The Roots Entertainment**, which was established in 1994 to promote the positive artistic contributions of African Canadian and urban influenced artists. He received both the African Canadian Achievement Award for Youth Achievement, and the Harry Jerome Award for Excellence in the Arts in 1998. He has self-published two chapbooks and three full volumes of his poetry.

As a producer, Morgan has now produced over 100 events, the largest of which are the annual spoken word concerts When Brothers Speak, When Sisters Speak, and the Toronto International Poetry Slam. When Brothers Speak was established in 1999, and has retained its status as North America's largest and longest-running showcase for black male spoken word artists. The event serves as a platform to celebrate the voices, stories, talents, and experiences of Black male spoken word artists.

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

*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 Missa Brevis #4 by Eleanor Daley*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Hymn

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

*All*

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil your church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness.  
Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces  
in the fight for liberty.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick  
Music: John Hughes

*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**  
**Refrain**

*“Gloria” from Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne*



*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.

God of the Exodus, who hears the cries of the oppressed and lifts up those bowed down, we give thanks all who endured the chains of slavery and those who struggled for their freedom. Give us grace to honour their memory with lives committed to justice, truth, and reconciliation, by the power of your Spirit, free us from every form of racism and fear, and unite us in the liberating love of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

*People* Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Exodus 3:1-12*

*Reader* Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Dwayne Morgan – “Success Runs in My Race”

#### Psalm 124

*Choir* If the Lord himself had not been on our side,  
now may Israel say;  
If the Lord had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us alive  
when their anger burned against us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over our soul;  
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.  
But blessed be the Lord  
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
Our soul has escaped  
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken and we are delivered.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who has made heaven and earth.

## The Second Reading

*Galatians 5:1, 13–14*

*Reader* For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

*Reader* The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Gregory Murray

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Cantor* When we cry, “Abba, Father!” it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:16-21*

*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* When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

*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.**

## Dwayne Morgan – “We Are the Ones”

### The Prayers of the People

*Presider* God of freedom and justice, you brought your people out of bondage and have called us to live as instruments of your liberating love. As we mark Emancipation Sunday, we lift our prayers to you for the Church, the nation, and all your children saying, “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer and keep us free”.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Lord in your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer and keep us free.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* Liberating God, you raised Jesus Christ to free us from sin, fear, and oppression. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may live as your liberated people, seeking justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with you.

*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: African-American Spiritual

*All* When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
let my people go!  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go!

*Refrain:*

*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;  
tell old Pharaoh let my people go!*

The Lord told Moses what to do:  
let my people go!  
to lead the Hebrew people through,  
let my people go! *Refrain*

They journeyed on at God's command  
let my people go!  
They came at last to Canaan's land  
let my people go! *Refrain*

Lord, help us all from bondage flee,  
let my people go!  
and let us all in Christ be free,  
let my people go! *Refrain*

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## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* God of freedom, receive these gifts as signs of our commitment to your justice and mercy. May they and we be used to break every chain and lift every burden, that your reign of peace may come on earth, through Christ our Redeemer.

*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* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we 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, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we,

estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*People* **Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider* With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

*People* **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Presider* Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

*People* **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Presider* Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

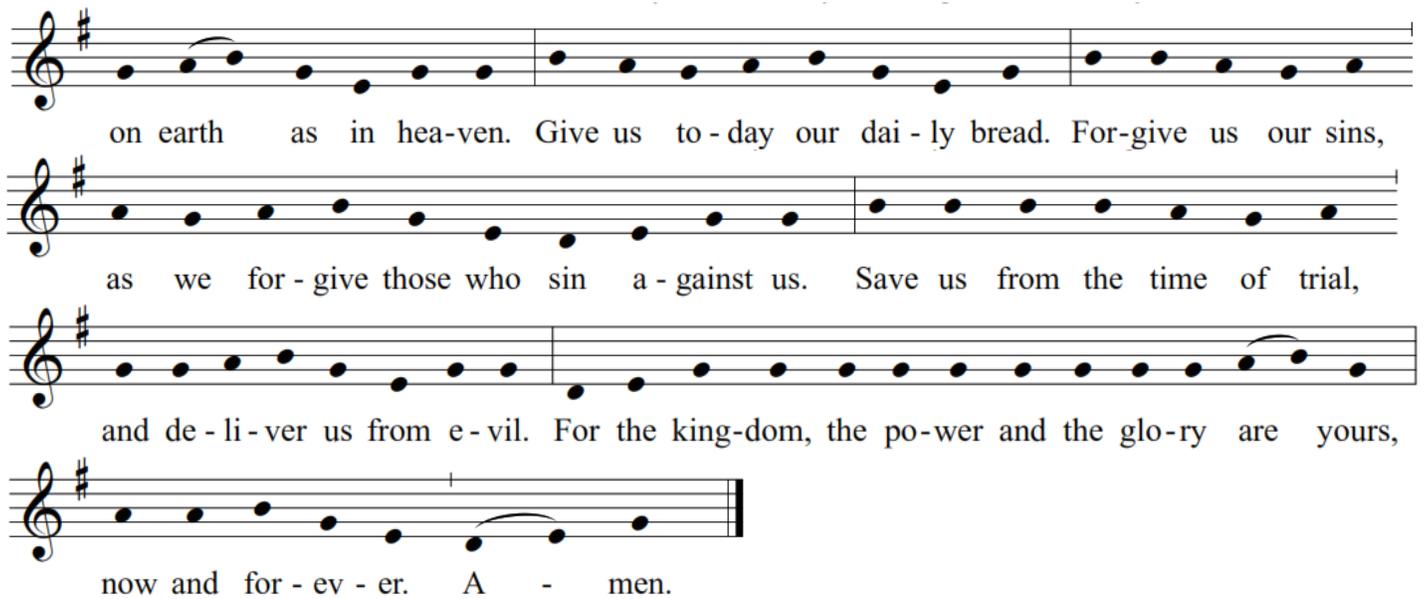
## The Lord's Prayer

*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* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### **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: Goodness Is Stronger

*Choir* Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours  
through him who loved us.

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## Motet **We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace**

*Arr. Moses Hogan*

*Choir* We shall walk through the valley in peace;  
We shall walk through the valley in peace;  
If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrow there;  
There will be no sorrow there.  
If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no dying there;  
There will be no dying there.  
If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray.

Liberating God, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Strengthen us with your Spirit to walk as people set free: free to love, free to serve, free to build a world where all are valued. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and rose that we might live.

*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: Thaxted

*All*

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

Text: William Whitla  
Music: Gustav Theodore Holst, *The Planets*.

## Dismissal

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Improvisation on Hymn to Freedom

*Oscar Peterson*

## PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:  
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Giving With Grace – The Anglican Appeal  
and the Ministry Council*

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## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, July 27, 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.

### Today at 10:30am: Emancipation Day at St. James



We are observing Emancipation Sunday at the Cathedral with a special guest: Dwayne Morgan, affectionately referred to as “*The Godfather*” of Canadian Spoken Word poetry.

The last Sunday in July is now formally designated Emancipation Sunday by the Anglican Church of Canada, following a resolution at the recently held meeting of General Synod. This day calls the Church to reflect on the legacy of slavery, confront anti-Black racism, and affirm the dignity and value of Black Anglicans. It encourages worship, education, and meaningful engagement with Black communities.

### Message from the Dean



Dear friends, when we move back to having the 9:00am and 11:00am Services in September, you will notice some changes at the 9:00am service, which come from the work that the *9:00am Working Group* has been doing over the last several months, supported by the staff and Cathedral Council.

- The liturgy will be aimed at all ages - not a 'children's service' but a place where all generations seek to worship, learn, and grow together.
- With this in mind, Sunday School will not happen at the 9:00am, but children will stay in the service throughout. (Sunday School will continue at 11:00am.)
- Our liturgy will continue to be a recognizably Anglican eucharist, continuing the 9:00am focus on community and participation.
- Some changes to the set-up for the service will aim to improve visibility and audibility.
- The service will have a new name - *Worship Together* - which we think reflects our aims.

There will be an in-house *'dress rehearsal'* of *Worship Together* at 9:00am on Sunday, August 31, before the first service proper on Sunday, Sept 7. Please bear with us as we learn from trying things out and share your thoughts as you see the service taking shape.

Dean Stephen Hance

## Saturday, August 2 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 or neighbour and help us spread the word! **Please register** at [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/) or Eventbrite, so we can make sure there are supplies for all (but last-minute additions are welcome, too).

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



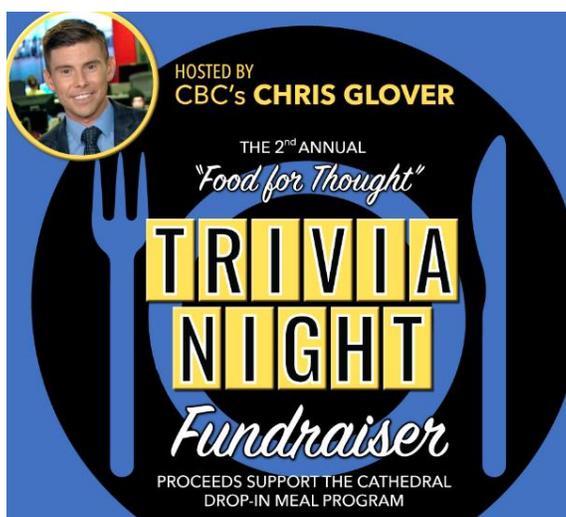
We are excited to offer a free Choir Day Camp for children aged 6–12 from Monday, August 25 to Thursday, August 28. Camp activities include music games, art, drama, guest musicians, and outdoor time from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

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)

## Saturday, September 27: Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night is back to support the Cathedral's Drop-In Meal program:



**Invitation:** Mark your calendars to come and have a fun evening with friends, family, or colleagues!

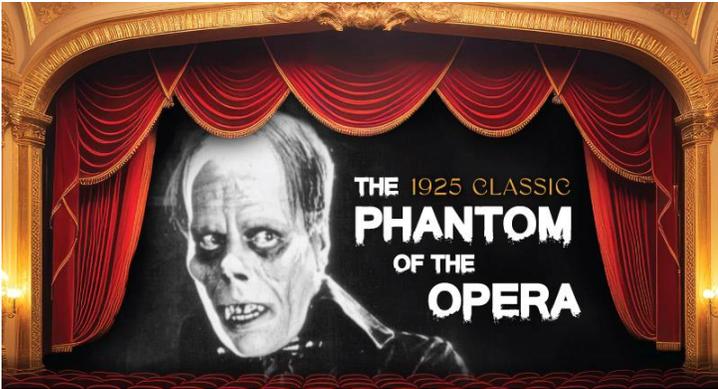
We will have great prizes for the winners, an entertainment intermission to keep the energy high, and a 50/50 draw to add to the excitement.

Join us! Delicious food and drinks will be available throughout the night. It promises to be a memorable evening to support our neighbours in need.

**Call for Volunteers:** Help us with set up, guest registration, serving food, restocking food, selling food, drinks, and 50/50 tickets, and, of course, 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)

**Saturday, October 25 at 8:00pm: Organist David Briggs returns to St. James with a classic! Early bird tickets available now.**



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Saturday, October 25  
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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.

The film will be shown on a large projection screen, set against the stunning backdrop of the Cathedral's breathtaking architecture and soaring acoustics. As one of Toronto's most iconic sacred spaces, St. James offers the perfect setting to be transported into the heart of this gothic masterpiece in a way you've never seen—or heard—before.

This one-night-only cinematic concert is more than a screening—it's a full sensory journey through timeless film and music, powered by the unmatched artistry of a world-class musician and the awe-inspiring grandeur of the Cathedral.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this extraordinary experience! RSVP now.

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

### **Drop-In: Call for Summer Volunteers**



The summer months are the busiest for our St. James Drop-In program. If you are free during the summer and have extra time on Fridays, the Drop-In would appreciate your support. If you want to help, please contact: Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-364-7865 Ext. 222 or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca). Thank you!

### **Vote to Support – Repair the Cathedral clock**



St. James Cathedral is submitting a request to the City of Toronto for funding to assist with repairs to our clock. Our proposal is currently up for public review on the Toronto Centre Projects website. Please visit [torontocentreprojects.ca/en/projects/2025-pb-cluster-5](https://torontocentreprojects.ca/en/projects/2025-pb-cluster-5) and search for “*St. James Cathedral*.” There you will be able to read about the project and sign up to comment, indicating your support for this initiative. Thank you!

## 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.

**Vicar away:** The Vicar is away this week, preaching at Holy Cross Church, Barbados, the church where he was ordained a priest, for the annual celebration of the dedication of their Church (1833).

**Visit us:** The Cathedral is open from Monday to Friday from 10:00am–3:00pm. The Cathedral Centre offices are open from Monday to Friday from 9:00am–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 3, 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hos 11:1-11

Ps 107:1-9, 43

Col 3:1-11

Lk 12:13-21

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