



Emancipation Sunday

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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.

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

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

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Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Cantor: Brainerd Blyden-Taylor

First Reader: Ruth Davis • Second Reader: Tina Conlon

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 **All To Jesus**

Moses Hogan

Choir

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all.

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 85:7-13

Chant by W. Parratt

Choir

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.

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

Isaiah 58:6-12

Reader

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader

Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Evening Service in d minor by Thomas Walmisley

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

Romans 8:18-25

Reader I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in d minor by Thomas Walmisley

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 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 Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 **Serenity** James MacMillan

Choir God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; trusting that he will make things right if I surrender to his will.

Text: Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

Homily

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Concord

All Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord opening into grace;

perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,
thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;

let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

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 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/ 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



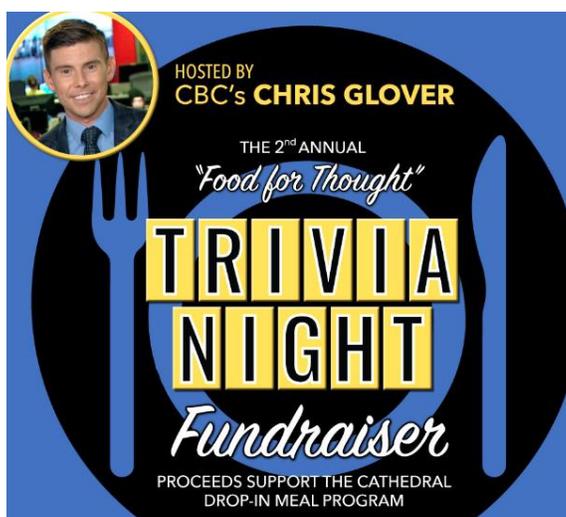
We are excited to offer a free Choir Day Camp for children aged 6–12 from Monday, August 25 to Thursday, August 28. Camp activities include music games, art, drama, guest musicians, and outdoor time from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

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

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

Saturday, September 27: Our 2nd 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!

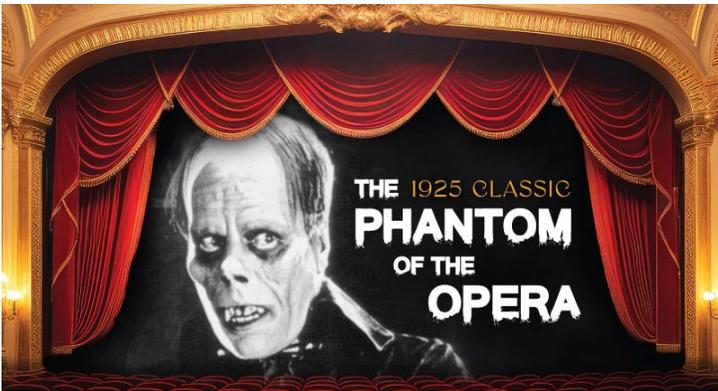
We will have great prizes for the winners, an entertainment intermission to keep the energy high, and a 50/50 draw to add to the excitement.

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

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
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.

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/

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. 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 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/



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*).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong (*live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at 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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