



# **The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

***September 7, 2025***

***Choral Eucharist at 11:00am***

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

## Welcome to St. James Cathedral

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### Liturgical Note:

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## **Today at St. James**

*Presider: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields*

*Homilist: The Reverend Matthew Waterman*

*Deacon of the Mass: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance*

*Anointer: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts • Sub-Deacon: Leslie Laing*

*First Reader: Tina Conlon • Second Reader: Quentin Toderick*

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

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*Paul Seddon, Brainerd Blyden-Taylor*

*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*

*Nicole Cardillo*

*June Yearwood*

*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 E by Harold Darke*

**Prelude** Fantasia

*William Byrd*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Hymn**

Tune: Monkland

**All** Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Who with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Who the golden-tressed sun caused all day its course to run:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God doth feed, with full hand supplies their need:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us then with gladsome mind, praise the Lord, forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Text: Ps. 136, abbrev.; para. John Milton, alt.; Music: Melody John Antes; Tune: Monkland

**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** Almighty God,

**All** to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are  
hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your  
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Kyrie Eleison**

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

*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

*New plainsong by David Hurd*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav-en-ly king, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

Jealous God, you call us to hate the life that is an echo of death and a whisper of fear: give us the courage to pass through shadows and count the cost of a love beyond measure; through Jesus Christ, the one who is fully alive.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Jeremiah 18:1-11*

*Reader* The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was

making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17**

*Chant by E. F. Day*

*Choir* O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You mark out my journeys and my resting place  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
You encompass me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
so high that I cannot attain it.  
For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;  
already in your book were all my members written,  
As day by day they were fashioned

when as yet there was none of them.  
How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

## **The Second Reading**

*Philemon 1-21*

*Reader* Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation****People** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**Choir** Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.**People** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**The Holy Gospel***Luke 14:25-33***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** Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

**Homily****The Apostles’ Creed****Presider** Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. I believe in 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* Let us pray together to the God who forms and shapes us according to his good pleasure, saying, “Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.”

*Silence*

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

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* Loving God, as we are your workmanship, fearfully and wonderfully made, so may we rejoice in your continued formation from one degree of glory to another. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* 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.

*All* Most merciful God,  
**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.**

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

*Presider* Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the students and educators gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework, and nourishing food for

hungry bellies. Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, and other items used for schoolwork will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

*To those offering their backpacks for blessing*

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that you may find it difficult to walk. On other days, they will be light and nearly empty. Every day, they represent the work required to be done by you. As we do in every aspect of our lives, we bring them before God for blessing.

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray:

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students as they stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them, sustain them with your Holy Spirit, give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

We pray also for teachers and all who will share in shaping the school days this year, that they will be blessed with wisdom, patience, and perseverance, as we, your people, commit ourselves to keep them on our hearts and in our prayers.

Bless these backpacks that will hold schoolwork and be carried from home to school and back again. May each person who carries them be reminded of the love and care of this community that surrounds them each school day. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our great teacher and shepherd.

**All**      **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: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*All*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Bright burning sun and golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams:  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O sing now, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
sing praise and cast on God your care:  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Text: Francis of Assisi; tr. William Henry Draper, alt.  
Music: Melody Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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*

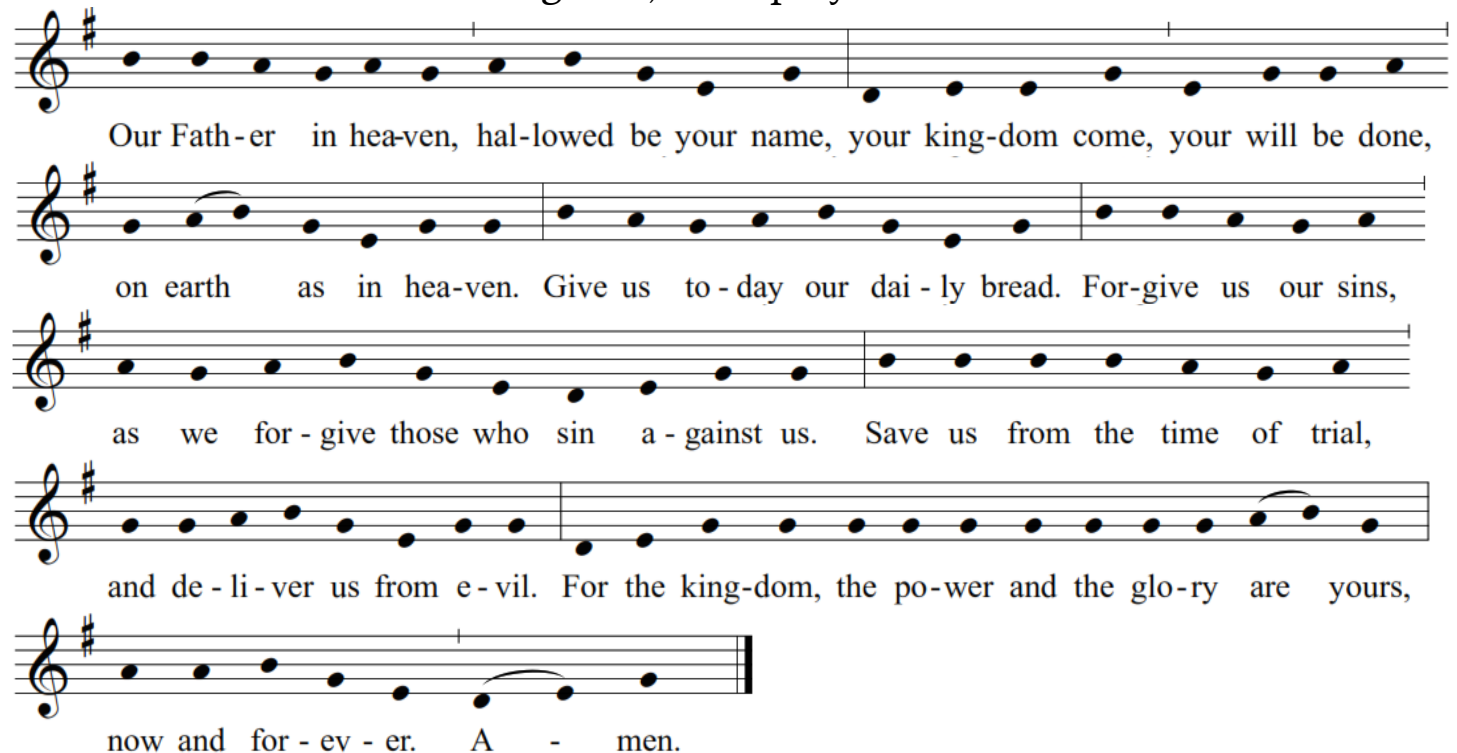
**Amen.**

## 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* 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.*

## **Motet O Taste and See**

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Choir* O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

## **Communion Hymn**

Tune: St. Columba

*All* Here, Lord, we take the broken bread and drink the wine, believing  
that by thy life our souls are fed, thy parting gifts receiving.

As thou hast given, so we would give ourselves for others' healing;  
as thou hast lived, so we would live, the Father's love revealing.

Text: Charles Venn Pilcher; Music: Melody Irish; adapt. and harm. Charles Villiers Stanford;

## **Motet Beati Quorum Via**

Charles Stanford

*Choir* Beati quorum via integra est,  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: Wolvercote

*All*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own:  
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

Text: John Ernest Bode;  
Music: William Harold Ferguson;  
Tune: Wolvercote

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## Dismissal

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

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

**Postlude** Allegro from Symphony VI

*Charles-Marie Widor*

## PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:*

*The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; School Chaplains and the Cathedral Council*

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## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 7, 2025

**Regular services** at 8:00am, 9:00am (*Worship Together*), 11:00am & 4:30pm.

**Children & Families:** Sunday school at 11:00am. Coffee Hour after 9:00am & 11:00am.

**Today:** Blessing of the Backpacks (9:00am/11:00am) & Anniversary of Accession (4:30pm).

**Today at 12:30pm:** Vestry Nominations Information Session in the Lecture Room.

### 9:00am Service *Worship Together*, Join Us!



Our 9:00am service *Worship Together* has been refreshed to more fully accommodate worshipers of all ages and abilities and to support congregational leadership in the service. In this spirit, you can expect: A physical space that brings the community closer to the altar promoting a feeling of connectedness; a liturgy that embraces the Anglican tradition promoting participation and comprehension for all; and opportunities to lead, for both those who can sign up in advance for roles and those who would like to choose a role when they arrive for the service.

**Join us every Sunday at 9:00am!** Info: [stjamescathedral.ca/worshipitogether/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/worshipitogether/)

### Season of Creation



The Season of Creation is an ecumenical movement by Christians around the world to observe the period between **September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for Creation)** and **October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)** as a time of particular attention to praying and caring for the earth. General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, at the recently held meeting adopted the **Feast of the Creator**, a celebration of God's original and ongoing acts of creation, to be held on September 1 or on another date within the Season of Creation. We will observe this Feast on Sunday, Oct. 5.

More info: [www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/creation-care](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/creation-care)

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



A huge thank you to all our campers who joined us for our Choir Camp!

We had such a fun time singing together, exploring new instruments, and sharing a wonderful recital for family and friends.

Let's keep the music going. **Join our Children's Community Choir**, open to all children ages 6-16 and new members too. Sing with us! **Weekly rehearsals** begin **Saturday, Sept. 20** at from 9:30am to 10:30am. **More info:** [stjamescathedral.ca/communitychoir/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/communitychoir/)

# FALL EVENTS, JOIN US!

- Sep 7 at 12:30pm: Vestry Nominations Committee – Info Session - Lecture Room
  - Sept 9 at 1:00pm: Organ recitals resume on Tuesdays at 1:00pm at St. James Cathedral
  - Sept 9, 15 & 22 at 7:30pm: (Online) Baptism Preparation. RSVP for Zoom link\*
  - Sep 10 at 7:30pm: Vestry Nominations Committee – Info Session - RSVP for Zoom link\*
  - Sept 16 – Nov 11 (Tuesdays), 12:00pm-1:00pm: Dean's online course, *Everyday Witness*. Register: [toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/](https://toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/)
  - Sept 17 at 2:00pm: The York Group and The Rev. Matthew Waterman - Lecture Room
  - Sept 20 at 9:30am: Weekly Rehearsals Begin for Our Children's Community Choir
  - Sept 20 at 2:00pm: Season of Creation celebration at St. Paul, Midhurst (5 Noraline Ave)
  - Sept 21 at 11:00am: Annual Wycliffe College Founders' Day Service
  - Sept 21 at 1:00pm: (In-person) Baptism Preparation - Library
  - Sept 26 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night. Info + RSVP: [stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/](https://stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/)
  - Sept 27 at 10:30am: Annual Walk-a-thon at Edward Gardens. Donations welcome!
  - Sept 28 at 9:00am: Holy Baptism
  - Sept 28 at 12:30pm: (In-person) Pre-Special Vestry Meeting - Lecture Room
  - Oct 1 at 6:00pm: (Online) Pre-Special Vestry Meeting. Please RSVP for Zoom link\*
  - Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](https://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)
  - Oct 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals in the WestLawn
  - Oct 5: The Cathedral observes the Feast of the Creator
  - Oct 5: Special Vestry Meeting after the 11:00am service in Snell Hall
  - Oct 25 at 7:30pm: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925)  
Get tickets on [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025](https://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: Evensong Sermon Series. Guest preachers on the topic '*A Renewed Church*'
- \*Sessions online – Please RSVP for Zoom link: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865

## 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](https://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025) or visit Eventbrite.

## SPECIAL VESTRY 2025

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



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 are invited.

• **Info Sessions: \*Today at 12:30pm** (In-person, Lecture Room)

**\*Sept 10, 7:30pm** (Online – Please RSVP for Zoom link:

[info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865)

• **Special Vestry Meeting:** Oct 5 after the 11:00am service.

For more information, please visit [stjamescathedral/vestry2025](http://stjamescathedral/vestry2025)

### Sept 28 & Oct 1: Pre-Special Vestry Meetings (In-Person & Online)

Pre-Special Vestry Meetings are opportunities for those who wish to learn more about the 2026 budget and June 30, 2025 financial statements. There will be two Pre-Vestry Meetings:

**In person:** Sunday, September 28 at 12:30pm in the Lecture Room.

**Online:** Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00pm. (Please RSVP for Zoom link:

[info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865)

### October 5: Special Vestry Meeting

Our next Special Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025, in Snell Hall chaired by our Dean, the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. The meeting will follow after the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served. Visit [stjamescathedral/vestry2025](http://stjamescathedral/vestry2025)

### Evensong Sermon Series at 4:30pm: *A Renewed Church*. All are invited!

As the two-year *Season of Spiritual Renewal* in our Diocese nears its climax in Epiphany 2026, the Cathedral invites the rest of the Diocese to sermon series. Homilists & topics follow:

- Oct. 26 - The Ven. Cheryl Palmer - "What happens when we '*Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*'"
- Nov 2: The Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts - "*A Renewed Church: What happens when we 'Teach, Baptize, and Nurture New Believers'*"
- Nov. 9: The Ven. Steven Mackison – "What happens when we '*Respond to Human Need by Loving Service*'"
- Nov. 16: The Ven. Theodore Hunt - "What happens when we '*Seek to Transform Unjust Structures of Society*'"
- Nov. 23: The Rev. Canon Andrew Federle - "What happens when we '*Strive to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation and Sustain and Renew the Life of the Earth*'"

*"In a renewed Church, proclaiming the Gospel is not about reclaiming lost cultural ground, but offering a living, liberating hope. Renewal means we do not just attract people, we seek to grow people. A renewed Church sees Christ in the hungry, the sick, and the stranger and cannot be silent in the face of injustice. Renewal includes the earth itself."* (The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, Sub-Dean and Vicar)

## 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 presiding at the Annual Residential Meeting of Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni Council.

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

The Cathedral Centre offices are open Monday-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](mailto: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/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/)



**Tuesday:** Organ Recital 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 14, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Worship Together

**11:00am:** 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**

**Holy Cross Day**

Numbers 21:4b-9;

Psalms 98:1-6

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 3:13-17

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