



Holy Cross Day

September 14, 2025

Choral Eucharist at 11:00am

***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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For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
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Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located
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Today at St. James

Presider: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Lynn Braye

Anointer: The Reverend Canon Douglas Graydon • Sub-Deacon: David Grant

First Reader: Kiyan Diba • Second Reader: Nancy Conn

Intercessor: Edwin Hawken • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

*Communion Ministers: Stanley Baptiste, Aidan Hopperton, Andy Akin
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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.

*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: Mass of St. Dominic by Matthew Martin

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

Tune: Crucifer

*All Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.
Lift high the cross...

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.
Lift high the cross...

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.
Lift high the cross...

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.
Lift high the cross...

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.
Lift high the cross...

Text: Refrain George William Kitchin; st. 1-5 Shirley Erena Murray, alt.; Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson; Tune: Crucifer

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 with thy spirit.**

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

Merbecke

Presider *All* *Merbecke*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
for thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav-en - ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty,
O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.
For thou on-ly art ho - ly, thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Healer of the nations, your beloved was lifted on the wood of the cross and exalted as Lord of all creation. Grant that all who believe in him may have the gift of eternal life and share in the glory of your promised reign of justice and peace.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

Reader The Israelites became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98:1-6

Chant by Martin Howl

Choir Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Reader For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

T. Bell

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

John 3:13-17

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Merbecke

Presider I believe in one God

All the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray to God as those being saved through the message of the cross, saying, "Holy Lord, hear our prayer."

Silence

Intercessor Holy Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Loving God, may we believe in you for eternal life which begins even now in our hearts, and in the one who conquered our sins on the cross, Jesus Christ your Son, in whose name we pray.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:
We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which**

we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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: Sutheran

All When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree:
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

People **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Presider And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Merbecke

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider *All*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy 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: St. Helen

All Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

Text: George Hugh Bourne; Music: George Clement Martin

Motet
Choir

There Is A Green Hill Far Away

Herbert Sumsion

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate of heaven, and let us in.

Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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
All

Tune: Diademata

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges
Music: George Job Elvey

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 Anglican Church of South America; North Peel Deanery and the Altar Guild*

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

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

Worship Together: Every Sunday at 9:00am, 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, encouraging participation & 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.

Questions, volunteering & more information: stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/

This Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30am: Children's Choir Rehearsals begin!



Sing with us! Join our Children's Community Choir, open to all children ages 6-16 and new members too. Weekly rehearsals begin this Sat., Sept. 20 from 9:30am to 10:30am. Free admission.

RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/communitychoir/

Friday, Oct. 3 at 10:00am: Blessing of the Animals - St. James Cemetery



Join us for the Blessing of the Animals at the Chapel of St. James-The-Less at St. James Cemetery for a celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and all creation. Bring your pets to receive a blessing as we give thanks for the special role animals play in our lives & in God's creation.

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals – St. James Cathedral



The neighbourhood favourite is back! Join us on the Cathedral's West Lawn as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi by taking part in a special service for pets, their friends, and family. Demonstrations following the service: The Police Mounted Unit; Pet Valu; Sheila McNaughton (Certified First Aid Instructor for Equine, Canine & Feline care), and Keynote speaker: Jana Seymour, owner of *Who's Walking Who Dog Training* with 25+ years of training experience.

FALL EVENTS, JOIN US!

- Sept 15 & 22 at 7:30pm: Baptism Preparation - Online
- 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/
- 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: Baptism Preparation - Library
- Sept 26 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night. Info + RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/
- Sept 27 at 10:30am: Walk-a-thon. Donations: stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025
- Sept 28 at 9:00am: Holy Baptism
- Sept 28 at 12:30pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting - Lecture Room
- Sept 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Our Cathedral bells will be silent.
- Oct 1 at 6:00pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting (Online)*.
*Please RSVP for the Zoom link: info@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865
- Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/
- Oct 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals in the WestLawn (or in the Cathedral if it rains)
- 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)
Tickets: stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025. David Briggs' CDs will be on sale (cash only).
- 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. Schedule: stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch

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. **Don't miss it. Get your tickets now!** stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025 or Eventbrite.

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

Oct. 26 – Nov 23 at 4:30pm: Evensong Sermon Series - *A Renewed Church*



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 join us on Sundays for a sermon series.

For more information about homilists & topics, please visit: stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch

SPECIAL VESTRY 2025

Sept. 21: Vestry List

The Vestry List will be available for viewing next Sunday, September 21, at the back of the church after service, or at the front desk from Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Those listed are eligible to vote at the Special Vestry this year.

Please email additions/modifications to Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca

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 the 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 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 the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served.

Visit stjamescathedral.com/vestry2025

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 the Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni Council, and will return on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

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 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 at 1:00pm in the Cathedral. Free admission, donations welcome!

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 21, 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

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