

# **Holy Cross Day**

# September 14, 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.

For more information, visit our website by clicking the QR code on the right.



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Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

#### **Children & Families**

Sunday School meets every week at the 11:00am service.

Please email Karyne Whalen at <a href="kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca">kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca</a> for more information.

For more information on our Children's Community Choir,

please email Director Cara Halpin at <a href="mailto:chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca">chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca</a>

## 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 9:00am and 11:00am service.

## **Parking**

There are a range of affordable parking lots available around the Cathedral.

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# Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Matthew Waterman
Lector: Sandra Mowat
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, the Psalms 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.

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome

Introit God So Loved The World

Bob Chilcott

Choir

God so loved the world,

that He gave His only begotten Son,

that whoso believeth in Him

should not perish

but have everlasting life.

Please stand when the organ plays.

# **Preces and Responses**

Purcell arr. T. Bell

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 118: 14-29

Chant by K. J. Pye

Choir The I

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation

sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;

the right hand of the Lord raises up;

the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

I shall not die, but live

and declare the works of the Lord.

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The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.

You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures 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.

First Lesson Genesis 3:1-15

Reader

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight

to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

*Reader* Here ends the lesson.

# **Magnificat**

Evening Service in B flat by C. V. Stanford

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 1 Peter 3:17-22

Reader

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader* Here ends the lesson.

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

Evening Service in B flat by C. V. Stanford

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

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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 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.

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 O Clap Your Hands

Orlando Gibbons

Choir O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice

of melody

For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet

He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he

loved

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the

trumpet

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto

our King

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham

# **Homily**

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

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## Hymn at the Collection

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Tune: England's Lane

All For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, *Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.* 

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.* 

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

> Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, alt. Music: Melody English trad.

## **Offertory Prayer**

Priest Let us pray.

God of abundance and growth, you water the seeds of faith and nourish us with your Spirit. Receive these gifts we bring, and bless them for the work of your kingdom, that your love may take root in every place, and your justice bear fruit in every heart. 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.

Edward Woodall Naylor

## **Final Response**

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 South America; North Peel Deanery and the Altar Guild

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team, please contact:

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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:** <u>stjamescathedral.ca/communitychoir/</u>

## 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 <u>stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/</u>
- 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: <u>stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025</u>. 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/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: <a href="https://bit.ly/MPatSJC">https://bit.ly/MPatSJC</a> 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 You Tube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

Readings for The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

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