

# **The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*September 21, 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.*

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### 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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## **Today at St. James**

*Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Philip Hobson*

*Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields*

*Lector: Robert Coates*

*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** Allegro Moderato from Trio Sonata No. I

*J. S. Bach*

## Welcome

**Introit** **God Be In My Head**

*David Briggs*

*Choir*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*Please stand when the organ plays.*

## Preces and Responses

*William Byrd*

*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 34

*Chant by C. F. South*

*Choir*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
My soul shall glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Look upon him and be radiant

and your faces shall not be ashamed.  
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.  
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him  
and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;  
blessed is the one who trusts in him.  
Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord  
lack nothing that is good.  
Come, my children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is there who delights in life  
and longs for days to enjoy good things?  
Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.  
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.  
Many are the troubles of the righteous;  
from them all will the Lord deliver them.  
He keeps all their bones,  
so that not one of them is broken.  
But evil shall slay the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants  
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

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

*Esther 3:1—4:3, 10-21*

*Reader*

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did obeisance to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance. Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, 'Why do you disobey the king's command?' When they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would avail; for he had told them that he was a Jew. When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman was infuriated. But he thought it beneath him to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, having been told who Mordecai's people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur—which means 'the lot'—before Haman for the day and for the month, and the lot fell on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, 'There is a certain people scattered and separated among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasuries.' So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. The king said to Haman, 'The money is given to you, and the people as well, to do with them as it seems good to you.'

Then the king's secretaries were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and an edict, according to all that Haman commanded, was written to the king's satraps and to the governors over all the provinces and to the officials of all the peoples, to every province in its own script and every people in its own language; it was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's ring. Letters were sent by couriers

to all the king's provinces, giving orders to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, 'All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden sceptre to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.' When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.' Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.' Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

*Reader* Here ends the lesson.

**Magnificat**

*Evening Service in E by Herbert Murrill*

*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

*Luke 3:7-18*

*Reader*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Reader*

Here ends the lesson.

## Nunc Dimittis

*Evening Service in E by Herbert Murrill*

*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* O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and entrust us with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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 Where Shall Wisdom be Found** William Boyce

*Choir* O where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?  
Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living.  
God understandeth the way thereof, and He knoweth the place thereof.  
For He looketh to the ends of the earth, And seeth under the whole heav'n;  
To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.  
When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the  
thunder:  
Then did He see it, and declare it; He prepared it, yea, and searched it out.  
And unto man He said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to  
depart from evil is understanding.

## Homily

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## Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Creator God

*All* Safe in the shadow of the Lord  
beneath his hand and power,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone  
though Satan spreads his snare;  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,  
from foes about my way,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet  
secure from every stone;  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,  
and in my Father's care,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,  
possessed by love divine,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
and meet his love with mine.

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## Offertory Prayer

*Vicar* 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.**

### 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.

**PRAYER CYCLE**

*This week, please pray for:*

*Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; St. James Deanery and the Carillon Bell ringers*

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## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 21, 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.

**Today at 11:00am:** We welcome our friends from Wycliffe College who join us for the Founders' Day service. The preacher is the new Principal, Dr. Kristen Deede Johnson.

### ***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.

For questions, volunteering, and more information, please visit:  
[stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/)

### **Tuesday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**



Each year, on September 30, we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

This day is an occasion for us to engage in meaningful conversations about healing, forgiveness, & reconciliation between Indigenous & non-Indigenous communities.

Ever committed to the cause of justice, our Cathedral community observes this day with special prayers.

The Cathedral will also observe the day with silent bells on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

### **A Prayer For The National Day For Truth And Reconciliation**

*“God of truth and compassion, we remember before you the children taken from their families, the survivors of residential schools, and all whose lives were scarred by injustice in this nation. Open our hearts to hear the truth of their stories, to honour their dignity, and to walk in the way of reconciliation. Heal the wounds of the past, guide us in justice and peace, and help us to live together in respect, so that a new future may be born in this land. Through Christ, our hope. Amen.”*

(The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields)

### **Oct. 3 & 4: Blessing of the Animals - St. James Cathedral & Cemetery**



Join us on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:30am on the Cathedral's West Lawn as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with a special service for pets, their friends & family.

Demonstrations will follow the service.

Info: [stjamescathedral.ca/blessing\\_animals/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/blessing_animals/)

Additionally, St. James Cemetery will be offering a Blessing of the Animals on Friday, Oct. 3, at 10:00am at the Chapel of St. James-the-Less (635 Parliament St., Toronto).

## Support Needed: Help Us Restore Our Beloved Clock!



We're asking the City of Toronto for help in funding repairs to our community clock, and your voice can make a difference!

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1. Contact the Councillor's office:

(416) 392-7903 or [councillor\\_moise@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_moise@toronto.ca)

2. Join Councillor Moise's upcoming Town Hall Meeting on Wed, Sept. 24, at 6:00pm at St. Lawrence Community Centre, Room B, 230. RSVP: [www.chrismoise.ca/events](http://www.chrismoise.ca/events)

Let's work to preserve this important part of our neighbourhood!

## FALL EVENTS, JOIN US!

### Help us spread the word: There's so much happening here at St. James!

Let your neighbours know about upcoming events by picking up flyers from the racks at the back of the church and posting them on any community boards you have access to. You can also help by sharing our Facebook/Instagram posts highlighting events you're excited about.

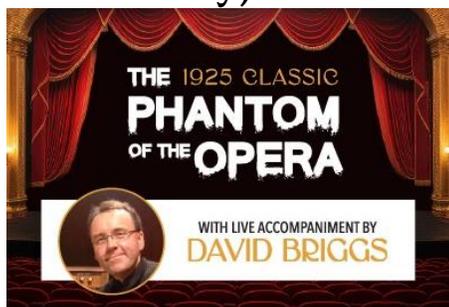
#### September:

- 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/](http://toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/)
- Sept 22 at 7:30pm: Baptism Preparation - Online
- Sept 26 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night. Info + RSVP: [stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/)
- Sept 27 at 9:30am: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals (Free & open to all ages 6-16)
- Sept 27 at 10:30am: Walk-a-thon. Donations: [stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025](http://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.

#### October:

- Oct 1 at 6:00pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting (Online)\*  
\*Please RSVP for the Zoom link: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865
- Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)
- Oct 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals in the West Lawn (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)
- 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](http://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. **Tickets are (truly) going fast! Get yours now:** [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025) David Briggs' CDs will be on sale (cash only).

## 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](http://stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch)

## SPECIAL VESTRY 2025



### Today: Vestry List

The Vestry List is available for viewing at the back of the church after service, or at the front desk Monday - Friday, 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](mailto: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](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 the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served. Visit [stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/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.

**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.

### 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 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.

### St. James Cemetery:

**Blessing of the Animals:** Celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi at St. James Cemetery on Friday, October 3, at 10:00am.

**Plots, products & services are available.** Contact: 416-964-9194 / [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://www.stjamescemetery.ca)  
[cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) / 635 Parliament Street Toronto, Ontario

## Sunday Services – September 28, 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 Sixteenth**

**Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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