



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 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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(scroll to the bottom of the page).

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 kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
please email Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

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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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger
Cathedral Clergy: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance
Lector: Edwin Hawken
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 Allegretto Grazioso from Six Pieces for Organ

Frank Bridge

Welcome

Introit **Come To Me**

Nathaniel Dett

Choir

Come to me, Ye who are hard oppressed;
Lay your head gently upon my breast;
Come to me, And I will give you rest;
weary one, Hither come! God is your home!”

“Come to me!” Jehovah gently pleads;
“Come to me, I can supply all needs;
And my way, Unto green pasture leads;
Free from sin! Enter in! God is your home!”

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 19

Chant by Thomas Walmisley

Choir

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.
In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.
By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion
over me;
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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

Hosea 2:2-14

Reader

Plead with your mother, plead—for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband—that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts, or I will strip her naked and expose her as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and turn her into a parched land, and kill her with thirst. Upon her children also I will have no pity, because they are children of whoredom. For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers; they give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’

Therefore I will hedge her way with thorns; and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. She shall pursue her lovers, but not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better with me then than now.' She did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished upon her silver and gold that they used for Baal. Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season; and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness. Now I will uncover her shame in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of my hand. I will put an end to all her mirth, her festivals, her new moons, her sabbaths, and all her appointed festivals. I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, 'These are my pay, which my lovers have given me.' I will make them a forest, and the wild animals shall devour them. I will punish her for the festival days of the Baals, when she offered incense to them and decked herself with her ring and jewellery, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, says the Lord. Therefore, I will now persuade her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

The Wessex Service by Gary Davison

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 5:1-11

Reader Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The Wessex Service by Gary Davison

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God
All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead,**

and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

Choir who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets, your covenant binds us as sisters and brothers: help us to overcome the scandal of poverty and the chasm of indifference, so that we may recognize you in the wounded poor; through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges.

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 **Seek Him that maketh the Seven Stars** Jonathan Dove

Choir Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
And turneth the shadow of death into the morning
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day
The night is light about me
Amen.

Homily

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

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Arfon Major

All Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son,
sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and eternal One.
God has made us, and has blessed us, and has called us to be true;
God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows,

Praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice,
praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice.
Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, sustaining Spirit—be thy holy name adored!

Text: R.B.Y. Scott, alt.
Music: Melody Welsh trad.

Offertory Prayer

Dean 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.

Postlude Selected Variations from Hommage to Handel

Sigfried Karg-Elert

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
The ReCharge Diocesan Youth Retreat and youth ministries of the Diocese and Change Ringers Guild*

PASTORAL CARE

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 28, 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 9:00am: Holy Baptism

Today at 12:30pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting in the Lecture Room.

Worship Together: Every Sunday at 9:00am, Join Us!



Our 9:00am service *Worship Together* has been refreshed to more fully accommodate worshippers of all ages and abilities.

For questions, volunteering, and more information, please visit: 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 conversations about healing, forgiveness, & reconciliation between Indigenous & non-Indigenous communities.

Our Cathedral community observes this day with special prayers and silenced bells.

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.

For more information, please visit:

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 are asking the City of Toronto for help in funding much-needed repairs to our community clock, and your voice can make a difference! To show your support, please:

1. Vote (only for residents of Ward 13). Voting period: Oct 1-31.
2. Send a petition to the city by contacting Councillor Moise's office: (416) 392-7903 / councillor_moise@toronto.ca

Let us 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!

Pick up flyers (at the back of the church) and post them on any community boards you have access to, and share our Facebook/Instagram posts. Thanks for your help.

September:

- 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 or 416-364-7865
- Oct 2 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James with Lazzuli Baroque - St. George's Chapel
- Oct 4 at 9:30am: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals (Free & open to all ages 6-16)
- Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP 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 the 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

Join Our Volunteer Team at St. James Drop-In

Want to give back in a simple, meaningful way? St. James Drop-In needs a few friendly helpers on Fridays for just a couple of hours. Tasks: wipe tables, clean kitchen, wash dishes. No skills needed—just a positive attitude! Support the community and meet great people. More information, please contact: Kathy Biasi – Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca or 4163647865 Ext. 222.



SPECIAL VESTRY 2025



October 5: Special Vestry Meeting in the Snell Hall

Our next Special Vestry Meeting will be chaired by our Dean, the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. The meeting follows the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served. To see Vestry Documents (Agenda, Budget, and Financial Statements), visit [stjamescathedral/vestry2025](https://stjamescathedral.org/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 June 30, 2025, financial statements and the 2026 budget.

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)

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

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

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

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 preaching at St Michael & All Angels Church, St. Clair, this morning.
The Vicar will be attending the Consecration of Archdeacon Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal on Friday, October 3, at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal (Oct 2-4).

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/



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 – October 5, 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lam 1:1-6

Ps 137

2 Tim 1:1-14

Lk 17:5-10

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