



WORSHIP TOGETHER

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
with Baptism**

September 28, 2025 at 9:00am

***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.

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



Questions? Our greeters wearing name tags are here to help.

Children & Families

Children of all ages are invited to participate in and help lead our service. Our volunteers are here to tell you how you can help today or in the future.

For our youngest worshipers, a soft space for wiggling and crawling is offered at the front near the altar. If you need a changing table or quiet space to sit with your child, our St. George's Chapel is available just outside the rear doors of the sanctuary.

For more information about children and family programs, contact our Children, Youth, and Family Minister Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca.

To learn about our Children's Community Choir, contact Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca.

Accessibility

An all-gender accessible washroom is located at the front of the sanctuary through the doors to the left. Assisted hearing devices are available from the greeters wearing name tags.

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We're glad you're here! At this service, people of all ages and abilities pray, sing, learn, lead, and grow in faith TOGETHER.

We know that all our brains and bodies are different, and we hope you will feel comfortable participating in the ways that are best for you.

All baptized Christians are ministers of God's Church. In this Eucharist we each contribute as co-celebrants with Christ, the Chief Celebrant, and both lay people and clergy serve in a variety of ways.

We invite you to offer your gifts by choosing a card from the "Help Us Worship Together" board or by talking with one of our clergy about pre-assigned lay roles like readers and greeters.

Today our presider is The Reverend Matthew Waterman and our homilist is The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts.

While our bulletin includes suggested postures for different parts of the service, these are traditional ways that Christians have participated in the liturgy with their bodies and are not required. Please use postures that support your own prayerful engagement in the service.

Baptism Candidates

Claudia Chan

Zaia Cozier

Hazel LeBlanc

Amelia Tallon

Eric Williams

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

All are invited to walk in the procession if they wish! Please gather in the entrance of the Cathedral (Narthex) during the first verse to join in.

Opening Song

Tune: Kingsfold

All I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar; Music: Melody English trad.; coll. Lucy Broadwood; adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams; Tune: Kingsfold

Welcome

Greeting

Please stand.

Presider This is the day that the Lord has made.

***People* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Collect of Purity

Presider Please repeat each line after me.

Presider *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,*

People *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.*

All **Amen.**

Gloria

Refrain

"Gloria" from Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne



Choir Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

All *♪ Refrain ♪*

Choir Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

All *♪ Refrain ♪*

Choir For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

All *♪ Refrain ♪*

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, grant that your Church, which the Holy Spirit gathers into one body, may show forth your power among all peoples and bring glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reader A reading from the First Letter to Timothy, chapter 6

Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it: we'll be happy with food and clothing. But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many witnesses. I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. Obey this order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. He alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see him. Honor and eternal power belong to him. Amen.

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good,

to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-18

From God's Word, My Voice

Reader The psalm for today is Psalm 91, verses 1-6 and 14-16. Please join me in the refrain:

All **When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I'm in trouble.**

Reader God is a shelter where we can hide from the storm,
The shadow where we can be safe from the hot sun.
Here's what I say: "God, I know I can always trust you.
I run to you and grab on to you when I need you."

All **When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I'm in trouble.**

Reader If you run to God, and actually live with God all around you,
nothing bad can happen to you.
God will assign angels to you, to follow you, to keep you close.
They will hold you in their arms, and watch your back.

All **When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I'm in trouble.**

Reader Nothing can hurt you—not lions, not snakes. In fact, lions and snakes will be scared of you!

God will say, "I will protect that one there, because I know he loves me.
I will rescue him from trouble, because he knows my Name and knows how to use it.

When he calls out my Name, I will answer.

I will be with him in trouble. I will bring him back to a place where he can be proud of himself, and not scared.

I will reward him with a good long life,
and show him what real living is all about."

All **When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I'm in trouble.**

Please stand.
Abraham Maraire

Gospel Music **“Zimbabwe Halleluia”**
All ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ♪

The Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ as told by Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader “There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

“The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

“The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Reader The Good News of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Claudia to receive the sacrament of baptism.

To those who can speak for themselves

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Answer I do.

To those who speak on behalf of infants or children

Sponsors & Parents I present Zaia/Hazel/Amelia/Eric to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

To all who speak on their own behalf and on behalf of others

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Presider Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Congregation stands

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Presider Let us now pray for these persons, who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fulness of your peace and glory.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the Hebrews out of slavery into freedom. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of

John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ with his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended in to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in God, the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

Presider Claudia/Zaia/Hazel/Amelia/Eric, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The priest makes the sign of the cross with oil

Presider I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants Claudia, Zaia, Hazel, Amelia and Eric the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Presider Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness into light.

All **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim Christ 's resurrection, and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.**

The Peace *Please stand.*
Peace The peace of Christ be always with you!
Proclaimer
People **And also with you.**
We offer each other a sign of peace.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

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

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Offertory Hymn

Tune: Be Still

All Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found—we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight—our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People **♪ Glory to you for ever and ever. ♪**

Presider You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People **♪ Glory to you for ever and ever. ♪**

Presider On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

Presider Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

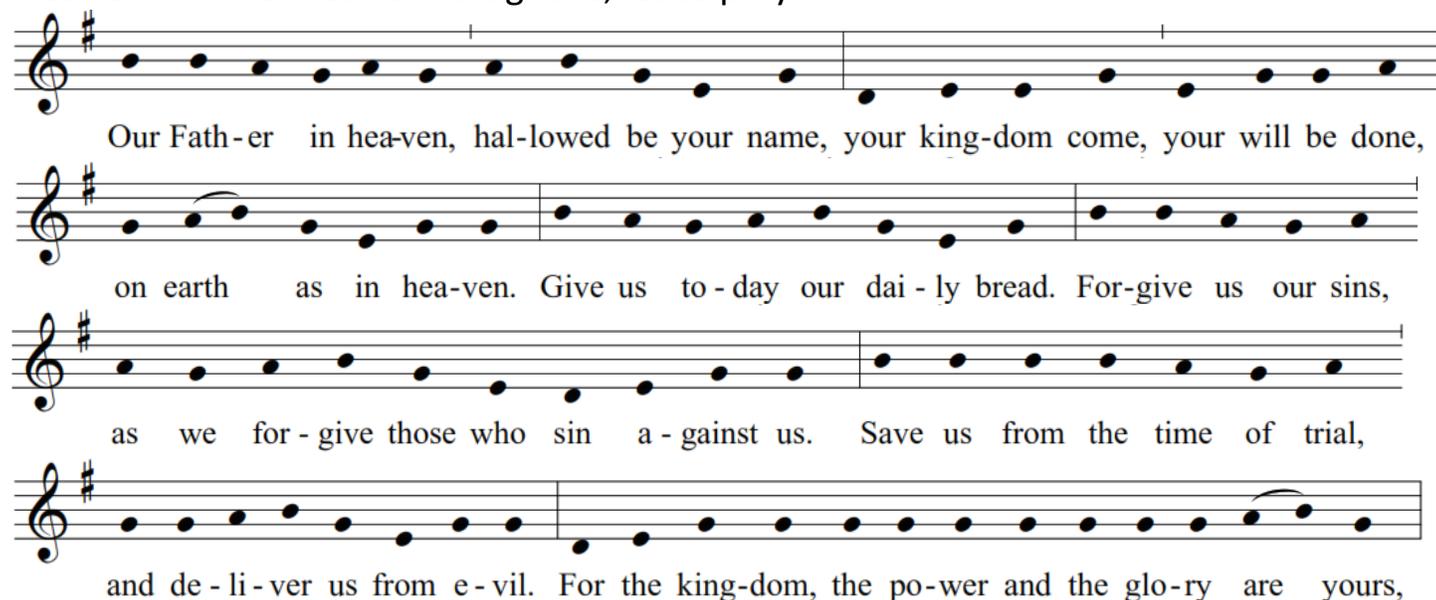
Presider Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

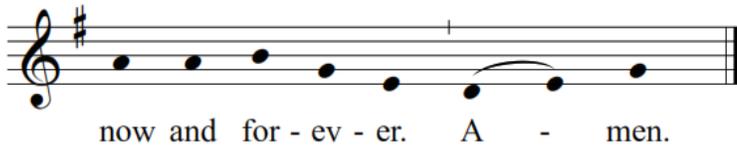
The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,



Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to receive communion or a blessing. To receive communion, hold your hands out as you approach the server. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, let the priest know. You may either sip from the chalice of wine or pause in prayer in front of it; dipping the wafer in the wine is not permitted for health reasons.

Communion Hymn

All This is the body of Christ, broken that we may be whole;
This cup, as promised by God, true to his word, cradles our Lord:
Food for the good of the soul.

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Communion Hymn

Tune: *Omni Die Dic Maria*

All For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By these pledges that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to realms above us,
consecrate our lives, O Lord:

in your service, Lord, defend us;
help us to obey your word;
in the world to which you send us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord!

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

Choir

John Bell

Choir O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; happy are those who put their trust in him. So give him thanks and praise his name for ever. All that we need comes from his hand.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for feeding us here with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. May we who share this sacrament be witnesses to the risen life of Christ and the salvation you offer to the world.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider The blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who journeys with us, be among you this day and always. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Song

Tune: Thuma mina

All Thuma mina. Thuma mina,
thuma mina, thuma mina,
Somandla.

Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus,
lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus,
lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Lord.

Trad. Zulu, South Africa

Dismissal

Sender Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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*

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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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