



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 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.

Please see the leaflets at the back of the Cathedral or
online at stjamescathedral.ca/contact for more information.

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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 Canon Jesse Parker

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Lector: William Cowling

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 and in loving memory of

Frederick Alexander Ray & Victoria MacFadden

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 Toccata in F Major, BWV 540/I

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Introit **A New Commandment**

Richard Shephard

Choir

A new commandment
I give unto you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.

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 27

Chant by J. L. Hopkins, W. Wolstenholme

Choir

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.
And now shall he lift up my head
above my enemies round about me;
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy upon me and answer me.
My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me,
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
You have been my helper;
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path,
because of those who lie in wait for me.
Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and those who breathe out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord.

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 13:4-14

Reader I have been the Lord your God ever since the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no saviour. It was I who fed you in the wilderness, in the land of drought. When I fed them, they were satisfied; they were satisfied, and their heart was proud; therefore they forgot me. So I will become like a lion to them, like a leopard I will lurk beside the way. I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs, and will tear open the covering of their heart; there I will devour them like a lion, as a wild animal would mangle them. I will destroy you, O Israel; who can help you? Where now is your king, that he may save you? Where in all your cities are your rulers, of whom you said, 'Give me a king and rulers'? I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath. Ephraim's iniquity is bound up; his sin is kept in store. The pangs of childbirth come for him, but he is an unwise son; for at the proper time he does not present himself at the mouth of the womb. Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Evening Service in D by George Dyson

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 7:11-17

Reader Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in D by George Dyson

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, you weep with those who are oppressed, with those who are uprooted from their homeland and with those who are without shelter or security. Grant that your faithful love may reach out through us, so that your healing mercy may rise like the dawn. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son.

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 Night Prayer

Alec Roth

Choir *Te lucis ante terminum,
Rerum creator, poscius,
Ut solita clementia
Sis praesul ad custodiam.*

To thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Woulds't be our guard and keeper now.

*Procul recedant somnia
Et noctium phantasmata,
Hostemquen nostrum comprime,
Ne polluantur corpora.*

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

*Praesta, Pater omnipotens
Per Jesum Christum Dominum,
Qui tecum in perpetuum,
Regnat cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.*

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. 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: Ar Hyd Y Nos

All Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever here;
shadows fall, but hope prevailing, calms every fear.
God our maker, none forsaking, take our hearts, of love's own making;
watch our sleeping, guard our waking, be always near.

Dark descends, but light unending shines through our night;
you are with us, ever lending new strength to sight.
One in love, your truth confessing, one in hope of heaven's blessing,
may we see, in love's possessing, love's endless light!

Eyes will close, but you unsleeping watch by our side;
death may come, in love's safe keeping still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling, sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
stay with us, our hearts indwelling, this eventide.

Text: James Quinn, SJ; Music: Melody Welsh trad.;

Offertory Prayer

Canon 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 Fugue in F Major, BWV 540/II

J. S. Bach

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
The Anglican Church of Tanzania; Tecumseth Deanery and the Music Ministry*

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, October 5, 2025

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

Today: The Cathedral observes the Feast of the Creator

Children & Families: Sunday School at 11:00am.

Coffee Hour: There is no Coffee Hour due to the Special Vestry.

Today: Special Vestry after the 11:00am service. A light lunch will be provided.

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

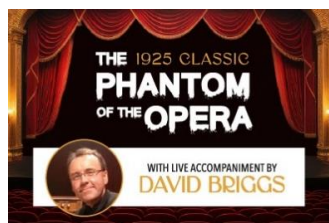


Our 9:00am service *Worship Together* has been refreshed to more fully accommodate worshipers of all ages and abilities.

For questions, volunteering, and more information, please visit:

stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/

Sold Out! Oct. 25 at 8:00pm: *Phantom of the Opera* with David Briggs

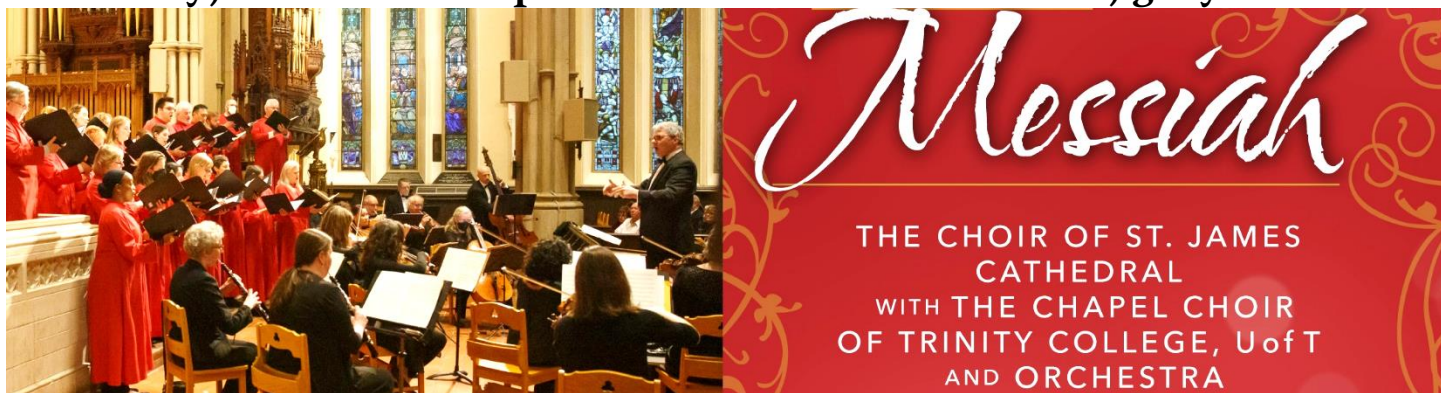


All tickets for this concert have been sold out. Thank you, our friends and patrons, for your wonderful support.

David Briggs brings the 1925 silent film classic *The Phantom of the Opera*, to St. James Cathedral's majestic 5,000-pipe organ.

David Briggs' CDs will be on sale (cash only).

Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30pm: *Messiah*. Tickets are on sale, get yours now!



Mark your calendars! The Choirs of St. James Cathedral and Trinity College, U of T, with the Orchestra of St. James, perform *Messiah* by G. F. Handel.

Early Bird: \$40 (Until November 1, 2025) & **Regular: \$45** (From November 2, 2025)

Info + tickets: stjamescathedral.ca/messiahconcert2025/ or Eventbrite.ca

Patron Packages:

\$300 (2 tickets, reserved seating, names in the program, Wine & Cheese reception).

A charitable tax receipt of \$250 will be issued in January.

\$150 (1 ticket, reserved seating, name in the program, Wine & Cheese reception).

A charitable tax receipt of \$125 will be issued in January.

To become a Patron, please contact bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca

FALL EVENTS, JOIN US!

Please pick up flyers (back of the church) and post them on any community boards you have access to, and share our Facebook/Instagram posts. Let's spread the word. Thanks!

October:

- Oct 7 at 1:00pm: Recital by Organist Stefani Bedin (Christ Church, Deer Park)
- Oct 12-Nov 9: Sermon Series (mornings) on Stewardship: *"Abundant Grace, Faithful Response: Stewardship for God's Mission"*
- Oct 17 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night. Stay tuned for more details.
- Oct 18 & 25 at 9:30am: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals (All ages 8-16)
- Oct 25 at 7:30pm: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925)
- Oct 26 at 4:00pm: Recital by Organist David Briggs (before Choral Evensong)
- Oct 24-30 10:00am-3:00pm: Remembrance Prayer Station
- Oct 26-Nov 23: Evensong Sermon Series. Schedule: stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch

November:

- Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9:30am: Children's Community Choir Rehearsal (All ages 8-16)
- Nov 1 at 10:00am: Community Playdate. Please RSVP stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/
- Nov 2 at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm: All Saints' Sunday
- Nov 3: All Souls' Services - St. James Cemetery (11:00am) & Cathedral (12:15pm)
- Nov 4 at 1:00pm: Recital by Organist Michael Capon (Kingston)
- Nov 9: Remembrance Services
 - 10:15am: Memorial Cross
 - 11:00am: Royal Canadian Regiment (Cathedral)
 - 1:00pm: Governor General's Horse Guards (Cathedral & Memorial Cross)
- Nov 11 at 10:00am: Remembrance Day - St. James Cemetery
- Nov 11 at 1:00pm: Recital by Organist Ian Sadler (Stratford, Ontario)
- Nov 16: Refugee Committee – Coffee Hour (after the 9:00am & 11:00am services)
- Nov 18 at 1:00pm: Recital by Organist Imre Olah (Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church)
- Nov 20 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James (St. George's Chapel)
- Nov 25 at 1:00pm: Recital by Organist Peter Nikiforuk (Kitchener)
- Nov 30 from 4:30pm-5:30pm: Advent 1 – Lessons & Carols Service

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 homilists & topics, please visit: stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch





St. James Drop-In – Updates

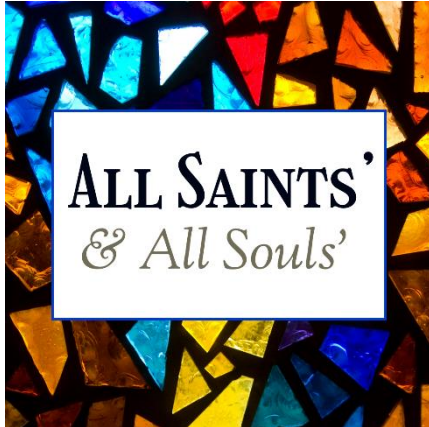
Want to give back in a simple, meaningful way?

Call for volunteers: We need a few friendly helpers ready to wipe tables, clean the kitchen, and dry dishes on Fridays.

Paid position: Dishwasher on Fridays from 12:00pm until 5:00pm approximately. No skills needed—just a positive attitude!

For more information, contact: Kathy Biasi – Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca or 4163647865 Ext. 222.

Commemoration for Our Departed Loved Ones



Join us as we celebrate the saints and gather to remember our loved ones and all the faithful departed.

Remembrance Prayer Station:

Oct. 24-30 (from 10:00am to 3:00pm)

All Saints' Day Services:

Nov. 1 (12:15pm) & Sunday, Nov. 2

All Souls' Day Services:

Nov 3: 11:00am (Cemetery)

12:15pm (Cathedral)

Names of departed loved ones will be read during the service.

To include a name, email Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca by Tuesday, Oct. 28, or clearly print it in the All Souls Binder in the Narthex on Sundays.

Remembrance Day Services - Lest We Forget (Cathedral & Cemetery)



Saturday, Nov 9:

10:15am: We will gather at the Memorial Cross for the observance.

11:00am: The Royal Regiment of Canada members will join the Cathedral community for their Service and Parade.

1:00pm-2:30pm: The Governor General's Horse Guards' Service and Parade.

Tuesday, Nov 11:

St. James Cemetery at 10:00am.

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.

To show your support, please contact Councillor Moise's office to petition the city.

Phone: (416) 392-7903

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Let us work to preserve this important part of our neighbourhood!

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/



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.

Saturday: No Children's Community Choir Rehearsal on Oct. 11. Resumes on Oct. 18.

Sunday Services – October 12, 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 Harvest

Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

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