

# Harvest Thanksgiving

*October 12, 2025*

*Choral Eucharist at 11:00am*

*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

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### Liturgical Note:

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## Today at St. James

*Presider: The Most Reverend Colin Johnson*

*Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance*

*Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields*

*Anointer: The Reverend Canon Douglas Graydon and David Grant*

*Sub-Deacon: Paul D. Seddon, ODT*

*First Reader: Tina Conlon • Second Reader: Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye*

*Intercessor: Edwin Hawken • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT*

*Communion Ministers: Leslie Derbecker, Yvonne Joseph, Leslie Laing,  
Paul Seddon and Brainerd Blyden-Taylor*

*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 this morning.  
Please ensure that cell phones are muted.*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Our practice during this liturgy is to stand when we sing and during the proclamation of the Gospel, sit for other Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and stand, sit, or kneel for prayer. These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you during the service.*

*Music of the Mass: Missa brevis in B flat K. 275 by W. A. Mozart*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Hymn

Tune: St. George's, Windsor

*All*        Come, ye thankful people, come,  
              raise the song of harvest home!  
              All is safely gathered in,  
              ere the winter storms begin;  
              God, our maker, doth provide  
              for our wants to be supplied:  
              come to God's own temple, come,  
              raise the song of harvest home!

              All the world is God's own field,  
              fruit unto his praise to yield;  
              wheat and weeds together sown,  
              unto joy or sorrow grown;  
              first the blade, and then the ear,  
              then the full corn shall appear:  
              Lord of harvest, grant that we  
              wholesome grain and pure may be.

              For the Lord our God shall come,  
              and shall take the harvest home;  
              from his field shall in that day  
              all offenses purge away;  
              give his angels charge at last  
              in the fire the weeds to cast;  
              but the fruitful ears to store  
              in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest-home!  
Gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home.

Text: Henry Alford, alt.;  
Music: George Job Elvey;

*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Almighty God,

*All* **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Kyrie Eleison

*Choir* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*During the Gloria, children are invited to gather in front of the altar before proceeding to the Library in the Cathedral Centre for Sunday School; they will return at the Offertory.*

## Gloria

*Merbecke*

*Presider* **All** *Merbecke*

*Presider* **All** *Merbecke*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all. We praise thee,  
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glo-ry. O Lord God, heav-en-ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh-ty,  
O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Fa - ther, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons. As we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*Reader* When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out

of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 100**

*Chant by Thomas Attwood*

*Choir* O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.  
For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

## **The Second Reading**

*Philippians 4:4-9*

*Reader* Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

T. Bell

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir* Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

*People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Holy Gospel

*John 6:25-35*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Deacon* When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ. *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Homily Stewardship Series 1: Grateful Hearts, Generous Lives**

## The Nicene Creed

*Merbecke*

*Presider* I believe in one God

*All* **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy**

**Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Holy God, in Christ you hold out to us the bread of life and assure us that all who believe in him will neither hunger nor thirst. Therefore we humbly offer our prayers, saying, “Gracious God, hear our prayer.”

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Gracious God,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* Merciful God, you are ever-faithful in hearing the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All* Almighty God,  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*

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## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

Tune: Regent Square

*All* Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know;  
those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe;  
humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again;  
grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days;  
love his laws, declare his judgements, walk in all his words and ways;  
he the Lord and we his children: praise the Lord, all people, praise!

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Music: Henry Thomas Smart;

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## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Accept this bread, wine, money, and basket of fruit and food, the work of our hands, the bounty of your creation, and symbols of your abundant blessings. Bless these gifts that they with us may serve your kingdom and bring forth your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

For thou art the fountain of light and life for all thy creation: thou hast made us in thine own image, and dost raise us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

## **Sanctus & Benedictus**

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

*Presider* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

*People* **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Presider* And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Merbecke*

*Presider* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*Presider*      *All*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,



thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,  
 And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.  
 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
 For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

*Silence*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*All* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

### **The Communion**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*Choir* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

- *All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing.*
- *Please approach the High Altar in single file and fill the altar rail from the right side. Exit through the door by the organ*
- *Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the Lady Chapel.*
- *It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.*
- *You are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.*
- *Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Baptistry.*

### **Motet Oculi Omnium**

Charles Wood

*Choir* The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;  
 and thou givest them their food in due season.  
 Glory be to Thee O Lord. Amen

## Communion Hymn

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

*All* For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## Motet *Choir*

### Jubilate

Philip Stopford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands  
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come  
Before his presence with a song  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God  
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
And into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation  
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.

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray.  
God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* Glory to God,

*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Presider* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## Hymn

Tune: Nun Danket

*All* Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
 eternal now be given,  
 to Spirit and to Word,  
 who reign in highest heaven:  
 our ever faithful God,  
 whom heaven and earth adore;  
 for thus it was, is now,  
 and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinckart; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; Music: Melody Johann Crüger;

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that God loves.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Marche Triomphale “Nun Dunket Alle Gott”

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

**PRAYER CYCLE**

*This week, please pray for:*

*The Church of the Province of Uganda; Foodbanks and food sharing ministries and the Servers*

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## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, October 12, 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.

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** We thank the Cathedral community for joining us in spreading joy and gratitude this year. A blessed and fruitful Thanksgiving to each of you!

### Oct 12-Nov 9: Sermon Series on Stewardship

## STEWARDSHIP SERIES

Today, we begin a new morning preaching series called *Abundant Grace, Faithful Response: Stewardship for God's Mission*. As I said at Vestry, financial stewardship is our response to God's goodness and generosity to us. Through these next five weeks, and the printed materials which will be available, we will be invited to examine our own stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to us, and to consider how we might give back joyfully. Let me encourage you to join us on this journey and to prayerfully consider your own response.

Your friend, Dean Stephen Hance

### Special Vestry Results



Congratulations to those elected and appointed at the Special Vestry on Oct 5, 2025.

#### **Elected:**

People's Warden: Sandra Mowat

Deputy People's Warden: Richard Harrop

Assistant Deputy People's Warden: Stanley Baptiste

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Synod Rep: Marie Crosta, David Hedley, Peter Dawes, Daisy Pittis, Billie Anne Robinson.

Alternate Synod Representatives: Joan Peters, Zidan Murshed

Parochial Tribunal: David Gates, Sterling Mancuso

#### **Appointed by the Dean:**

Rector's Warden: Sarah McKinnon

Deputy Rector's Warden: Bob Hart

Assistant Deputy Rector's Warden: Christophe Pike

Cathedral Council: Angela David, Paul Melville-Gray, Carol Kysela, Christian Kingsmill, Louis Nettleton.

For those who were unable to attend the Special Vestry, the presentation and financial documents shared during the meeting are available at [stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025/)

## Fall Events: There's so much happening here at St. James!

Let your neighbours know about upcoming events! Pick up flyers (back of the church) and post them on community boards you have access to & share our Facebook/Instagram posts.

### October:

- 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 24-30 10:00am-3:00pm: Remembrance Prayer Station
- 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 service)
- Oct 26-Nov 23: Evensong Sermon Series. Schedule: [stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch](http://stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch)

### November:

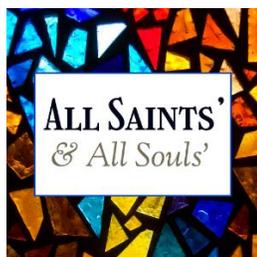
- Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9:30am: Children’s Community Choir Rehearsal (All ages 8-16)
- Nov 1 at 10:00am: Community Playdate. Please RSVP [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)
- Nov 2 at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm: All Saints' Sunday
- Nov 3: All Souls' Services - 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 9-Mar 22 at 1:30pm: Living Our Vows – Catechesis for confirmation in the Library  
Please RSVP: [stjamescathedral.ca/confirmation/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/confirmation/)
- Nov 11 at 10:00am: Remembrance Day - St. James Cemetery
- Nov 11 at 1:00pm: Recital by Organist Ian Sadler (Stratford, Ontario)
- Nov 16: FaithWorks Sunday/Refugee Committee Anniversary– 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 a 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James (St. George’s Chapel)
- Nov 22 9:30am-1:00pm: Music Open House (Celebrating St. Cecilia’s Day). Open to all.
- 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. Info: [stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch](http://stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch)

## Commemoration for Our Departed Loved Ones



Join us as we celebrate the saints and remember those we see no longer.

**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](mailto: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)



**Sunday, 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.

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

**Tuesday, Nov 11:** St. James Cemetery at 10:00am.

## St. James Drop-In – Updates

Want to give back in a simple and meaningful way?

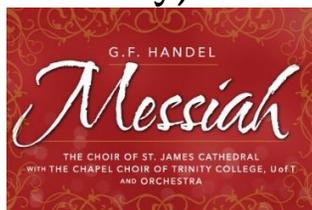
No skills needed—just a positive attitude!

**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-5:00pm approx.  
Info: Kath Biasi - [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca) or 4163647865 Ext. 222.



## Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30pm: *Messiah*. Tickets are on sale. Get yours today!



Back by popular demand and a cherished tradition of the season, we are delighted to present *Messiah* by G.F. Handel! Featuring the talented Choirs of St. James Cathedral and Trinity College U of T, along with the Orchestra of St. James Cathedral and four outstanding soloists, this performance returns to inspire the Christmas season!

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

**Info + tickets:** [stjamescathedral.ca/messiahconcert2025/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/messiahconcert2025/) or [Eventbrite.ca](http://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](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca) or call (416) 364-7865 Ext. 258

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am**

**Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**

Tuesday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel    Tuesday to Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

**Thanksgiving Day:** Clergy and staff will be off for the Thanksgiving Day holiday on Oct 13.

**Clergy away:** The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields (Oct 17-30); The Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts (Oct 15-23) & The Rev. Matthew Waterman (Oct 14-Nov 4).

**Visit us:** This week, the Cathedral is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm.

This week, the Cathedral Centre offices are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

### Online Morning Prayer:

This week, join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral from Tuesday 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.

**Saturday:** Children's Community Choir Rehearsal from 9:30am to 10:30am.

## Sunday Services – October 19, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Worship Together\*

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist\*

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong\*

*\*Live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](http://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*

**Readings for Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist**

Isaiah 35:5-8

Psalm 147:1-7

2 Timothy 4:5-13

Luke 4:14-21

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