



# **Harvest Thanksgiving**

***October 12, 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.*

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### **Liturgical Note:**

*In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.*

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



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**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](mailto:kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca).

To learn about our Children's Community Choir, contact Director Cara Halpin at [chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca).

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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.*

*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: Buinessan

**All** Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,  
for all things living thou madest good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God thou the labour we bring to serve thee,  
that with our neighbour we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with thee;  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,  
thy wisdom guiding teaches us share  
one with another, so that rejoicing  
with us, our brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;  
freely confessing thy gracious hand.  
Where thy will reigneth no one will hunger;  
thy love sustaineth; fruitful the land.

Author: Albert F. Bayly (1970)  
Tune: BUNESSAN

### 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,  
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.

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.

**All**            **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated.*

### **The First Reading**

*Philippians 4:4-9*

*Reader*        A reading from the Letter to the Philippians, chapter 4

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 100**

*From God's Word, My Voice*

*Reader*        The psalm for today is Psalm 100. Please join me in the refrain:

**All**            **You made us, God, and we belong to you.**

*Reader*        Be happy in God, everyone.

With joy in your hearts, serve God and sing as you serve God.

Know this: The Lord is God.

**All**            **You made us, God, and we belong to you.**

*Reader*        We are your people. We are the sheep in your pasture.

We will sing your praise whenever we come before you.

You are good, God, and your mercy never ends.

You will be faithful year after year after year.

**All**            **You made us, God, and we belong to you.**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Music**        **"Zimbabwe Halleluia"**

*Abraham Maraire*

**All**            ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ♪

## The Gospel

John 6:25-35

*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 John.

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

*Reader* When the crowd found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life."

They asked, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?"

Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent."

They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*Reader* The Good News of Christ.

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

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

## The Apostles' Creed

*Please stand.*

*Presider* Together we declare our faith. After each question, please respond with "This we believe."

*People* Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?  
**This we believe.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; who descended to the dead, and on the third day rose again; who ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and who will come again to judge the living and the dead?

*People* **This we believe.**

*Presider* Do you 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?

*People* **This we believe. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please adopt a posture of prayer.*

*Leader* In peace let us pray together, saying "God of love, hear our prayer."  
God of love,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Leader* We give you thanks, O God, for all your saints throughout the ages, and especially for Saint James our patron.

*Intercessor* Out on the sea, Saint James immediately followed Christ when he called. Make us ready to follow Christ without hesitation, too.

God of love,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* High up a mountain, Saint James witnessed the transfiguration of Christ. Make us ready to see your holiness in unexpected places, too.

God of love,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Along the road to Jerusalem, Saint James learned from Christ that true greatness is found in serving others. Make us ready to love others through humble service, too.

*People* God of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Holy God, you have heard our prayers. Now give us grace to work for those things we have asked of you, and answer our prayers in the way that you know is best for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Confession**

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, God's love and mercy are limitless. Let us confess our sins, Confident in God's forgiveness.

Please repeat each line after me.

*Presider* *Loving God, we know that we have done wrong.*

*People* *We have not loved you with our whole heart.*

*We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry.*

*Have mercy on us and forgive us,*

*that we may walk in love always.*

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* Truly God's love and mercy are limitless. Know that you are forgiven, and Christ will help you to follow his ways. Amen.

### **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**

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## Offertory 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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## Prayer over the Gifts

**Presider** Holy God, you are the Source of all life, and you have asked us to be caring stewards of the world you have created. Accept these gifts of bread, wine, money, and harvest basket, and let them be used to show the world your abundant love; in the name of Jesus Christ our 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,  
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

*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.*

## **Choir**

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Choir*        Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
                  make thy way plain before my face.  
                  For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,  
                  that makest me dwell in safety.

## **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: je Louerai L'Éternel

*All*            Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,  
                  Je raconterai toutes tes merveilles, je chanterai ton nom.  
                  Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,  
                  Je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alleluia!

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.  
O, God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.  
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.  
O, God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.  
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.  
O, God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.  
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

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## 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: Hymn to Joy

*All* Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
 ever blessing, ever blest,  
 well-spring of the joy of living,  
 ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father and our Mother,  
 all who live in love are thine;  
 teach us how to love each other,  
 lift us to the joy divine.

Text: Henry van Dyke, alt.  
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; arr. Edward Hodges

## Dismissal

**Sender** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

### PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:*  
*The Church of the Province of Uganda; Foodbanks and food sharing ministries and the Servers*

### PASTORAL CARE

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team, please contact:

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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

Cathedral Council: Matt Jaeger, Bill Benson, Jane Rowan, Rob Haines, Zanefer Ramoutar

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)

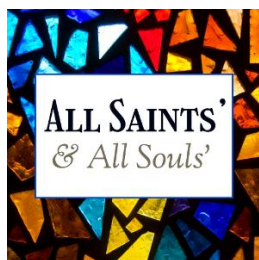
### November:

- 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 at 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?

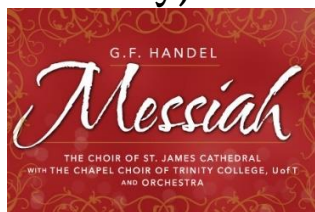
No skills needed—just a positive attitude!

**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

### 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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