



# Gail Mary Scott

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*December 1, 2025 at 1pm*

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

# Welcome to St. James Cathedral

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Officiant	<i>The Reverend Canon Beth Benson</i>
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Readers	<i>Julie Rozon Susan Hunt</i>
Intercessor	<i>Joan Peters</i>
Tribute	<i>Gillian Scott Genevieve Scott</i>
Pallbearers	<i>Greg Seraganian George Scott-Seraganian James Scott-Vickers Jesse Jackson Emma Richardson Jason Lockhart</i>

## Order of Service

**Prelude**    **Ave Maria**

*Schubert*

*Please stand.*

**The Burial Sentences**

*William Croft*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

*John 11: 25, 26*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

*Job 19: 25-27*

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*Timothy 6: 7; Job 1: 21*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

**Welcome**

**Greeting**

*Officiant*    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.**

**Tribute**

*Please be seated.*

**Musical Interlude**

*A Whiter Shade of Pale – Procol Harum*

**Poem**  
*Reader*

**To Autumn**

*Claude James Scott & Gail Mary Scott, Autumn 1956*

Pale blue smoke rises as incense  
to the season's deity  
A lone red leaf left hanging in the forest sanctuary  
vigil to summer's memory  
Dun brown carpetings of leaves the hollows fill  
and lie in windswept sprays against the hill  
The trees their arid limbs, in sacrificial gesture raise  
like skeletons of foliage de-fleshed  
the circle does itself adjust  
the birth, the life, the death  
the re-awakening and so according  
must our lives concenter  
to this cyclic theme  
Who are but puppets in the ordered scheme.

**Hymn**  
*All*

**On Eagle's Wings**

*Please stand.*  
Tune: On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain:*

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to his angels he's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

Text and Music: PS. 91; para Michael Jones (1951-)  
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## **The Collect**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O Lord, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to thy servant Gail and to all the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of thy Son's passion; that in the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy true children; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Please be seated.*

## **The First Lesson**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

*Reader* For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

Tune: Crimond

## Psalm 23

*All*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Ps. 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650; Music: Melody  
Jessie Seymour Irvine; harm. Thomas C.I. Pritchard; Tune: Crimond

*Please be seated.*

*Matthew 5:1-12a*

## The Second Lesson

*Reader*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Tune: Eventide

**Hymn**  
*All*

**Abide With Me**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte  
Music: William Henry Monk

**Homily**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Please stand.*

*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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Please kneel or be seated.*

*Intercessor* Almighty God, who hast knit thy chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; give to thy whole church in heaven and on earth thy light and thy peace. Lord, in thy mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in thy mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness, and righteousness all our days. Lord, in thy mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve thee with a quiet mind. Lord, in thy mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy loving care, that casting all their sorrow on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. Lord, in thy mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Lord, in thy mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Grant us grace to entrust Gail to thy never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favour thou bearest for thy people. Lord, in thy mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* Our Father,

*All* **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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Commendation**

Kontakion of the Departed

*Traditional Kyiv Melody, arr. Sir W. Parratt*

*Choir* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and to earth shall we return.

For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

All of us go down to the dust;  
yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

## **Prayer of Commendation**

*Officiant* Into thy hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend thy servant Gail. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord.

*People* **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

*Officiant* May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*People* **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Dean* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be upon you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Recession Hallelujah**

*Leonard Cohen*

*All are welcome to a reception at Snell Hall  
immediately following the service.*



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