



Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

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.

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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 All-gender 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.

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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Today at St. James

Officiant and Homilist: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Lector: Dorothea Merritt

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.

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 Retrospection

Florence Price

Welcome

Introit **We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace**

Arr. Moses Hogan

Choir

We shall walk through the valley in peace;
We shall walk through the valley in peace;
If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrow there;
There will be no sorrow there.
If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no dying there;
There will be no dying there.
If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Roderick Williams

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 25

Chant by J. Turle

Choir

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Reader

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that
the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that
you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and
your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your
life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am
commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O
Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and
so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey,
as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

The Westminster Service by Roderick Williams

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 9:18-27

Reader

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.'

Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.'

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The Westminster Service by Roderick Williams

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.

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 Compassionate God, you transfigured your Son, Jesus Christ, before the eyes of your chosen witnesses and they were overcome by fear. Transfigure us so that we may turn from fear to love and reveal your compassion for all humanity; through Jesus Christ, the beloved.

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 If Ye Love Me

Coleridge Taylor

Choir If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the spirit of truth.

Homily

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Wiltshire

All We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise
that every child of earth
should live and grow in freedom's ways,
in dignity and worth.

We praise for such a task begun
to serve each other's need,
for every cause of justice won,
for every fetter freed.

Our prayers are for a world in pain
where force and fear prevail,
the plough becomes the sword again,
and hope and harvests fail.

Alike our prayer and praise express
the wants of humankind,
that those in bondage and distress
their larger freedoms find.

So may we still maintain the fight
till earth's oppressions cease
before the universal right
to liberty and peace.

In Christ we learn to love and care
and spread his truth abroad;
and in his Name we lift our prayer:
'Your kingdom come, O Lord.'

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Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you transfigured your Son, Jesus Christ, before the eyes of your chosen witnesses and they were overcome by fear. Transfigure us so that we may turn from fear to love and reveal your compassion for all humanity; through Jesus Christ, the beloved.

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 O Give Thanks to the Lord for he is Good

Kola Owolabi

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:

*The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; Thanksgiving for the Season of Spiritual Renewal
and the Readers & Intercessors*

PASTORAL CARE

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team,
please email pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca or call 416-364-7865, press 1 to leave a message.

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, February 15, 2026

How will you observe Lent this year?

Many Christians take on a special practice during the season of Lent, which begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As Dean Stephen shares, “When we think about Lent, we often focus on giving things up. We change our consumption of food and drink, TV and social media, or maybe address some habits we hope to break. That’s all good as far as it goes. But the real purpose of simplifying our lives in Lent is to *take* something up more than to *give* something up. We de-clutter our interior lives to have *more* space for God, for prayer, for service, for people, for love.”

If you haven’t decided on a Lenten practice yet, take some time to reflect this week and ask God how you might make more space for love in the coming weeks. Here are some ideas to start:

- Pray Morning Prayer: Join us on Zoom at 8:30am or watch on YouTube at your convenience.
- Sunday Psalm: Choose a line from the Sunday psalm to pray throughout the day.
- Lenten Small Groups: Participate in one of our Lenten small groups from Feb. 22 - Mar. 22
- Limit digital distractions: Use an app to help you refocus on what’s important to you.
- Give up criticism of others and yourself: When a criticism comes to mind, ask God to replace it with compassion and gratitude.
- List the people who matter to you and connect with one each week during Lent.

Whatever you choose, God’s steadfast love will be with you throughout these 40 days.

☀ What’s On ☀



Feb. 17 at 6:00pm • Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us as we mark the last day before Lent with our Parish Pancake Supper. Enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes with fun for the whole family. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together as a community in fellowship and celebration before Lent begins.

Invite your neighbours, friends & family members to join in the fun. Free event with suggested donations of \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Please RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/pancakesupper/

Volunteers needed to help with setup, service, and clean-up.

Feb. 18 • Ash Wednesday Services

Services at 7:30am, 12:15pm and 6:30pm. All services include imposition of ashes.

Ashes to go: Outside the Cathedral after the 12:15pm service and at King Station from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. The Cathedral will be open for prayer from 7:30am – 7:30pm.



Feb. 18 at 10:30am • Ash Wednesday Exploration Day

Children and youth ages 8–17 are welcome. We will empower youth to see the world as it is and imagine what it could be, and take action through art, storytelling, prayer, reflection, and advocacy. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/exploration-day/

AN INVITATION TO LENT

In our tradition, the rhythm of daily life is reflected in our liturgical life. Highs and lows, pleasure and pain, joy and sorrow all find their way in Anglican worship and ongoing formation. Lent takes us from the glory of Christmas, through the wilderness of temptation and the passion, to the glory of the Cross and beyond.

At the conclusion of our Lenten study last year, a request was made for a deeper engagement with the Book of Job. This ancient and unsettling text gives voice to faithful people who suffer, question, protest, and yet remain in relationship with God. Job refuses easy answers. Instead, it invites honest prayer, courageous lament, and trust that endures even when explanations fail.

During Lent, we will reflect on Job through Sunday sermons and Wednesday small group conversations under the theme “Faithfulness in the Midst of Suffering.” Our journey will move from “Blameless and Broken” (Job 1–2), to “When Friends Fail, and God Is Silent” (Job 3–14), to “The Fear of the Lord: Holding on in the Dark” (Job 15–28), to “Out of the Whirlwind” (Job 38–41), and finally “Seeing God Anew” (Job 42).

All are invited to listen, wrestle, and pray together, trusting that God meets us even in the darkest questions. Have a Holy Lent. - Stephen Fields, Vicar

Feb. 22 – Mar. 22 • Faithfulness in the Midst of Suffering during Lent



During Lent, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the Book of Job (Sundays & Wednesdays).

For more information on sermon topics, schedule, and questions for small groups discussion: stjamescathedral.ca/lent

Contact info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865 Ext. 221 to register for online small group discussions on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

☀ What's Next ☀

Feb. 22 at 4:30pm • Snell Lecture on Black Sacred Music & Andraé Crouch



Celebrate Black History Month with the first Snell Lecture of 2026, an inspiring afternoon of music and conversation. The Snell Lecture will feature a presentation by The Nathaniel Dett Chorale, followed by a lecture from Dr. Stephen Newby of Baylor University, who will examine the deep theological and cultural significance of Andraé Crouch's contribution to Gospel Music. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/snell_lecture

4:30pm: Presentation The Nguzo Saba Suite by The Nathaniel Dett Chorale

5:00pm: Lecture from Dr. Stephen Newby of Baylor University + Q&A followed by reception

Feb. 22 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm • International Potluck in Snell Hall

After the Snell Lecture, join us for an international potluck highlighting nations and cultures in our Cathedral community. Details and to sign up to share a dish: stjamescathedral.ca/potluck

Mar. 7 at 2:00pm • World Day of Prayer 2026



All are warmly encouraged to attend the ecumenical worship service of the WDP, which will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King & Simcoe streets (steps from St. Andrew's TTC station).

The focus will be on the women of Nigeria.

All are welcome! For more information, please visit: wdpcanada.ca/world-day-of-prayer/

Mar. 8 at 1:00pm • In-person Baptism Classes begin



Join Rev. Matthew Waterman for an introduction to the Christian faith and preparation for the Easter Vigil on April 4. Registration required.

Please send an email to the Rev. Matthew Waterman at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca

Rev. Matthew's Ongoing Ministry at St. James



We are glad to share that after concluding his curacy in May, the Rev. Matthew Waterman will continue his ministry at the Cathedral as an Associate Priest.

We are grateful for the many gifts he brings to our community, and we continue to uphold him in our prayers.

Congratulations, Rev. Matthew!

☼ What's Needed ☼

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sundays at 9:00am



Help us Worship Together • Looking for Volunteers

Support our 9:00am Worship Together service by volunteering as a Greeter, Reader, Prayer Leader, or Hospitality Team member. These roles are open to everyone and can be an opportunity to explore these ministries. Interested? Contact Rev. Matthew Waterman at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca

St. James Outreach Program • Volunteers needed for two working groups

Love trivia & teamwork? Join the working group for our upcoming Trivia Night fundraiser, supporting foot care for Drop-In participants. We are also seeking members for the Drop-In Program Working Group to strengthen St. James Drop-In programming over the next 2 years. Details: Kathy Biasi at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865, stjamescathedral.ca/dropin

This Week at St. James

Happy Family Day – Feb. 16: Cathedral and offices will be closed tomorrow for Family Day.

Organ Recital: Tuesday at 1:00pm. Organist: Aaron James (Toronto Oratory, U of T).

Scripture Circle: In-person on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

Drop-In: Fridays 1:30pm-3:30pm. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin

(New) Cathedral Tours: Feb. 28 at 11:00am & Mar. 3 at 1:45pm: Discover the beauty inside.

Cathedral Choir: Welcoming experienced singers. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/worship/music/

Change Ringers: Open to new participants. Info: stjamescathedral.ca/worship/change-ringers/

Children's Choir: Rehearsals on Saturdays at 9:30am. Info: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir/

St. James Cathedral Sunday Services

We offer a range of services that reflect our Anglican heritage.

8:00am Said Eucharist Simple Communion service in traditional language

9:00am Worship Together All-ages Communion service with music*

11:00am Choral Eucharist Sensory-rich service with the Cathedral Choir & Sunday School*

4:30pm Choral Evensong Meditative prayer service with the St. James Cathedral Choir

**Please join us for Coffee Hour in Snell Hall after the 9:00am and 11:00am services.*

Next Sunday's Scripture: The First Sunday in Lent

Job 1:1-5, 13-22; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

Weekdays at St. James

Morning Prayer (Online): This week, join us Tuesday-Saturday at 8:30am on YouTube or join our live Zoom Chapel Tuesday-Friday. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

Holy Eucharist: Tuesday-Saturday at 12:15pm in St. George's Chapel

St. James Cathedral: This week, open for prayer & tourism, 10:00-3:00pm, Tuesday-Saturday

St. James Cathedral Centre: This week, open 9:00am-4:00pm, Tuesday-Friday

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