



Easter Day

April 5, 2026

Choral Evensong at 4:30pm

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
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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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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.

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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: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Lector: Robert Coates

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

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

Welcome

Introit Eastertide Carol

Mainz Gesangbuch arr. Richard Proulx

Choir

Rise up in early morning; sing of the risen saviour.
Sing tidings of salvation, with alleluias ringing,
in cymbalis bene sonantibus (upon the loud cymbals).

Go forth ye saints to meet him; light up your lamps of gladness.
Sing tidings of salvation, with alleluias ringing,
in cymbalis bene sonantibus (upon the loud cymbals).

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Bernard Rose

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 118:1-21

Chant by Allan Gray

Choir

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

In my constraint I called to the Lord;
the Lord answered and set me free.
The Lord is at my side; I will not fear;
what can flesh do to me?
With the Lord at my side as my saviour,
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put any confidence in flesh.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put any confidence in princes.
All the nations encompassed me,
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.
They hemmed me in, they hemmed me in on every side,
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.
They swarmed about me like bees;
they blazed like fire among thorns,
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.
Surely, I was thrust to the brink,
but the Lord came to my help.
The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
But he has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

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

Isaiah 51:9-11

Reader Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over? So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Evening Service in D by Charles Wood

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

John 20:19-23

Reader When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in D by Charles Wood

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 God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death: fill your church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned and the way of life stands before us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour.

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 **Haec Dies** William Byrd

Choir Haec dies quam fecit Dominus. Exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

This is the day which the Lord hath made. Let be glad in it. Alleluia.

Homily

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Llanfair

All Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, alt.; Music: Melody Robert Williams.

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.
God of life and victory, with joy we bring our gifts in thanksgiving for the risen Christ, who has triumphed over evil, sin, and death. Bless these offerings, that they may proclaim his life-giving power and share his hope with all the world; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

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

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; Easter Day and Property Staff & Sextons

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Walter M Bowen

Frances Gotts

Dr. C.E. Eappen and
Dr. Rachel Thaysil Mathew Eappen

Annie Elizabeth,
Archibald Macdonald Robison and
Mary Hepditch

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Easter plants have been donated by the Cathedral community in memory of the following loved ones:

Ademola Adeoye	Elizabeth (Adams) and Don Jagoda
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Tristan Holt	June Yearwood
Peter Horn	Nellie and Fred Yearwood
Steven Horn	
Jan Daniel Horn	

St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Today's Services: 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am*, and 4:30pm.

*1:30pm: Easter for Everyone - 2:00pm: Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Blessings for a Glorious Easter!



Easter proclaims that God's love is stronger than death and that new life is truly possible. At the empty tomb, despair gives way to hope, fear to courage, and confusion to faith. Easter is not only a celebration of what God has done in Christ, but a call to how we are to live now. The risen Christ meets us where we are and sends us out in love. This is the heart of evangelism: joyful witness. We share the good news because we have ourselves experienced mercy, forgiveness, and new beginnings in Christ. Our words and our lives point to the One who is alive within us and among us. Easter deepens our sense of call to discipleship. To follow the risen Lord is to walk daily in his way, learning his teaching, practicing prayer, seeking justice, and loving our neighbours. As we grow in Christ, we become a community shaped by resurrection hope. May this Easter help each of us to know Jesus more clearly, follow him more faithfully, and share his life-giving love with the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! "Keep hope alive!"

The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

(Sub-Dean & Vicar)

Today • Easter for Everyone & Egg Hunt for families and children



(New) Easter for Everyone:

All are invited to join us at 1:30pm for a 30-minute family-friendly service featuring the Children's Community Choir.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Following the service, at 2:00pm, children are invited to take part and join the fun in our Easter Egg Hunt. Bring the kids, invite your friends and neighbours, and let's celebrate together.

What's On

April 19 from 2:00 to 4:00pm • Signs of New Life! Collaborative Art Show

Meet the artists and enjoy a reception in the Cathedral while supporting our Drop-In and outreach ministries. Artwork from Anglican parishes across the city will be on display and for sale, with proceeds going directly to the artists (or programs). Cash preferred.

April 26 at 11:00am • St. George's Society

We will welcome members of the St. George's Society to the Choral Eucharist at 11:00am.

April 26 at 2:00pm • Toronto Districts Masonic Interfaith Service

April 26 at 4:30pm • Diocesan Confirmation Service

Join us as we celebrate Holy Confirmation and share in this joyful occasion.

What's Next

May 3 at 4:30pm • Ordinations of Deacons

Join the rest of the Diocese at the Ordination of Jonathan Kang, Christine Lambert, and Grace Rockett to the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Cathedral. Presider: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto. Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

May 17 • Thy Kingdom Come: Join the global wave of prayer

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Stay tuned for more details.

May 23 & 24 • Doors Open 2026

Mark your calendars! We are looking forward to welcoming thousands of visitors over the Doors Open weekend at St. James Cathedral and St. James Cemetery. More to come, stay tuned.

What's Needed

Drop-In • Call for Spring & Summer Volunteers

Free on Fridays? The Drop-In welcomes your support. Details: Kathy Biasi- Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865 Ext. 221 or stjamescathedral.ca/dropin

May 23 & 24 • Doors Open 2026 – Call for Volunteers

Volunteers from the St. James community play a vital role in helping everyone who comes through our doors feel welcome and appreciated. If you would like to help this year, please email the Cathedral office at info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865.

Stay tuned for more details.

This Week at St. James

The Vicar will be away on his winter break from April 6-12. The Reverend Matthew Waterman will be the Priest-in-Charge during this time.

Organ Recital: Tuesday at 1:00pm. Organist: Joshua Duncan Lee.

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

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 Readings: Apr. 12 – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Weekdays at St. James

Morning Prayer (Online): This week, join us Tuesday-Friday at 8:30am on Zoom or YouTube. Saturday's prayer is available on YouTube. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

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

St. James Cathedral: This week, open 10:00am-3:00pm, Tuesday-Saturday.

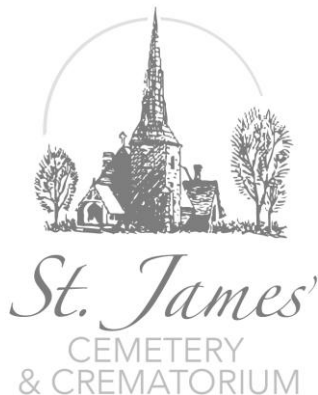
St. James Cathedral Centre: This week, open 9:00am-4:00pm, Tuesday-Friday.

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First Wednesday of each month at 11:00am

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