



The Second Sunday in Easter

April 12, 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.

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

Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Lector: William Cowling

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 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

Welcome

Introit **Peace I Leave with You**

Knut Nystedt

Choir Peace I leave with you.
My peace I give unto you:
Not as the world giveth.
Let not your heart be troubled,
Neither let it be afraid.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Bernard Rose

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor 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.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 85

Chant by W. Parratt

Choir Lord, you were gracious to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the offence of your people
and covered all their sins.
You laid aside all your fury
and turned from your wrathful indignation.
Restore us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us.
Will you be displeased with us for ever?
Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.

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

Micah 4:1-4

Reader

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Reader

Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Second Service by Orlando Gibbons

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 14:25-31

Reader 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Second Service by Orlando Gibbons

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.**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor 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.

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Cantor Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life.

Choir Amen.

Cantor 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.

Cantor 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 Alleluia

Randall Thompson

Choir Alleluia.

Homily

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Finlandia

All Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
Leave to you God to order and provide;
In every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
All now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then you shall better know his love, his heart
Who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Music: Original arrangement from the symphonic poem Finlandia by Jean Sibelius
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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

Cantor The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
Archdeacons and Canon Administrator of the Diocese
Administrative managers and staff*

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, April 12, 2026

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

Giving is one response to the Easter Story

In the story of the Passion and the joy of Easter, we see the fullest expression of God's love poured out for the world—a love that gives, sustains, and brings new life where there was despair. The cross reminds us that love is costly, offered in sacrifice and faithfulness. The empty tomb proclaims that such love is never wasted, but made fruitful beyond what we can imagine. Our Cathedral's outreach ministry lives within this same story. It is a visible sign of God's love in action, shaped by compassion, sacrifice, and hope, serving the vulnerable, welcoming the stranger, and walking alongside those in need. This vital work depends on a community willing to share in that same spirit of giving. It is sustained by the faithful generosity of those who believe in the Church's mission and invest in it. When we give, we do far more than support a program—we strengthen the very foundation that makes outreach possible.

The dedication of our ministry personnel ensures that care is consistent and responsive. The stewardship of our Cathedral building provides a sacred and practical space where hospitality is offered, dignity is honoured, and lives are touched. Our support ensures that outreach is not occasional but ongoing; not limited but growing; not uncertain but sustainable. Every gift equips our people, sustains our space, and extends hope into the community. In giving, we share in the Easter promise: that love poured out in faith is raised up, multiplied, and made new for the life of the world.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, Sub-Dean & Vicar

What's On

Upcoming Family Events

Join us for a variety of Children and Family Events. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/familyevents

April 12, 21 & 25 • Cathedral Tours • *Discover the beauty inside*

April 12 at 1:00pm; April 21 at 2:00pm, and April 25 at 1:00pm. Open to all. No RSVP.

April 19 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm • Collaborative Art Show in the Cathedral

Meet the artists and enjoy a reception while supporting Drop-In and outreach ministries in our Diocese. Artwork on display and for sale. Proceeds support artists/programs. Cash preferred.

April 24 at 6:00pm • Family Fun Night

Families, children, and youth of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Dinner and light refreshments provided. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight

What's Next

April 25 from 9:30am to 1:15pm • Education for Ministry (EfM)

You are invited to share to see how EfM works in action, including our kitchen breaks for informal chat and eats! Details: stjamescathedral.ca/ministries/education-for-ministry

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.

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 at 4:30pm • Thy Kingdom Come: Join the global wave of prayer

You're warmly invited to Thy Kingdom Come at St. James Cathedral. 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. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/thykingdomcome

May 23 & 24 • Doors Open 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming thousands of visitors over the Doors Open weekend at St. James Cathedral and St. James Cemetery. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/doorsopen

May 31 at 11:00am • Vicar's Last Sunday: A Celebration of Ministry

We will mark the final Sunday of full-time ministry at St. James Cathedral for our Sub-Dean and Vicar, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, as he prepares for retirement on June 30, 2026. We give thanks for his faithful ministry among us. You can also read a recent article in the February 2026 issue of *The Anglican* reflecting on the ministry of our Vicar, Stephen Fields.

What's Needed

Drop-In • Call for Spring & Summer Volunteers

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

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

Volunteers from the St. James community play a vital role in making those who come through our doors feel welcome and know that we are glad to see them. If you would like to help this year, please RSVP by filling out the form here: stjamescathedral.ca/doorsopen

This Week at St. James

The Vicar is away for his Winter Break and returns to the office tomorrow, April 13.

Organ Recital: Tuesday at 1:00pm. Organist: Jonathan Oldengarm.

Full schedule: stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals

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. 19 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Weekdays at St. James

Morning Prayer (Online): Join us Monday–Friday at 8:30am live on Zoom or YouTube.

Saturday's prayer is available on YouTube. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

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

St. James Cathedral: Open for prayer & tourism, 10:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Saturday

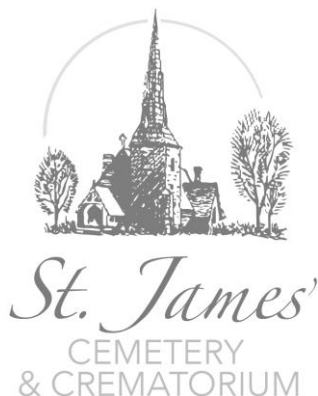
St. James Cathedral Centre: Open 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday

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