



*Liturgy of Confirmation
&
Reception into the Anglican Communion*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 4:30pm

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

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

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Bishop's Chaplain Paul Seddon, ODT

Deacon The Reverend Dr. Catherine Keating

Intercessor Sandra Mowat

MC The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

First Reader Maria (Bea) Carrasco

Second Reader Frank Au

Communion Ministers The Reverend Yohan Dumpala
The Reverend Dr. Alison Hari Singh
The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts
The Reverend Canon Nicola Skinner
The Reverend Jeff Stone
The Reverend Matthew Waterman
The Reverend Richard Webb

Director of Music & Organist Thomas Bell

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Sung by Members of the Choir of St. James Cathedral

Welcome! *We are so glad you have joined us for worship this afternoon.
Please ensure that cell phones are turned off.*

Candidates and Presenters for Confirmation & Reception

Candidates for Confirmation

Christ Church St. James

The Reverend Brian Suggs and Dale Douglas
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The Reverend Irina Dubinski
Marina Valenitin Umar-Khitab
Emily Eileen Umar-Khitab

Grace Church Markham

The Reverend Canon Nicola Skinner
The Reverend Ollie Lim
Wendy Anita Dottin
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Grace Church Scarborough

The Reverend Yohan Dumpala
Hannah Norah Frances Whitehouse

St. Andrew by-the-Lake

The Reverend Dr. Alison Hari Singh
Daniel Alexander Nicholson
Alexandra Elizabeth Margaret Nicholson
Charlotte Isabelle Sarah Nicholson

St. Christopher's Anglican Church

The Reverend Canon Dr. Philp Der
Valerie Tsoi
Hong Hua Zhou (John)

St. James Cathedral

The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts
The Reverend Matthew Waterman
Maria (Bea) Carrasco

St. John's, York Mills

The Reverend Richard Webb and Alderene Bird
Joanne Peddle
Darren Anthony Lee
Peter Raynham
Kirtsyn Elizabeth Abdalbari
Shut-Wah Raynham (Sylvia)

St. Jude, Bramalea North

The Reverend Jeff Stone
Preston John Sutton
Rebecca Bernice Busher
Priya Eliana Rose Holness
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Orajimetochukwu Kimberly Egwuonwu
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The Reverend Catherine Barley
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St. Paul's-on-the-Hill, Pickering

The Reverend Canon Stephanie Douglas
Man Nga Mabel Leung

St. Philip on-the-Hill Anglican Church

The Reverend Stephen Kern
Mielle Fung

St. Stephens, Downsview
The Reverend Theo Ipema
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Lulusue Delisser Bailey

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Prepare for Confirmation with St. James Cathedral

The Cathedral periodically offers formation programs that support candidates' preparation for Confirmation. We welcome participants from all diocesan parishes and especially seek to serve those who desire connection with a wider community in this important journey. Information about upcoming offerings will be made available on the diocesan Bulletin Board and on the Cathedral's website, and clergy and lay leaders interested in partnering with the Cathedral for Confirmation preparation are invited to contact the Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts (kpitts@stjamescathedral.ca) to explore possibilities for their parish.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis by Becky McGlade

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

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.

Introit Alleluia

Philip Stopford

Please stand as the procession enters the Cathedral

Processional Hymn

Tune: Vulpius

All Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love,
that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Cyril Argentine Alington, alt.; Music: Melody Melchior Vulpius; harm. Ernest Campbell MacMillan.

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Greeting

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Bishop May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Bishop There is one body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People **One God and Father of all.**

Gloria

New Plainsong Mass—David Hurd



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav-en-ly king, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks,



we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Reader They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Plainsong

Tone 8 i



Choir The Lord is my shep-herd;
therefore can I lack no-thing.

All **He makes me lie down in green pas-tures
and leads me be-side still wa-ters.**

Choir He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no e-vil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they com-fort^me.**

Choir You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trou-ble^me;

you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

All **Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ev-er.**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Deacon 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by

the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Homily

CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Presentation and Examination

Bishop The candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present (*Name of Candidate*) for confirmation.

Presenters I present (*Name of Candidate*) to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

Please stand.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I 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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers

Bishop Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Silence

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Confirmation

Please be seated.

The Bishop lays his hands upon the candidates.

Bishop Defend, O Lord, your servant *(Name)* with your heavenly grace, that *(pronoun)* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *(pronoun)* comes to your everlasting kingdom.

Or

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *(Name)* with your Holy Spirit; empower *(pronoun)* for your service; and sustain *(pronoun)* all the days of *(pronoun)* life.

People **Amen.**

Reception into the Anglican Communion

The Bishop takes the hand of the candidates.

Bishop (Name), we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Please stand.

Almighty and everliving God, let your loving hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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Offertory Hymn

Tune: Slane

All Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Hymn: "Lord of all Power, I Give you my Will"

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Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir 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.

Bishop We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling ancient Israel to be your people; in

your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Bishop and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time**

of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Bishop We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Bishop Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

- *All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing (indicate by crossing your hands over your chest). Please follow the directions of the Sidespersons.*
- *Please approach the High Altar in **single file and fill the altar rail from the right side**. Exit through the door by the organ.*
- *Communion is also administered at the Lady and St. John's Chapels. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the Lady Chapel (at the front of the right aisle).*
- *It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.*

Communion Hymn

All For me to live is Christ:
with him new life begins;
his loving touch renews my mind
and takes away my sins.

For me to live is Christ:
from him true living springs;
he comes, and with his radiant love
transforms all common things.

For me to live is Christ:
to serve is now my aim;
to help wherever there is need,
and care in Jesus' name.

For me to live is Christ:
for him my life I'll spend;
my strength, my aim, my hope, my Lord,
from now till my life's end

Text: Peter Henry Kelway Tongeman 1929-1990

Motet
Choir

Ag Críost an Síol

Arr. M. Armstrong

Ag Críost an síol,
Ag Críost an fómhar:
In iothlann Dé
Go dtugtar sinn.
Ag Críost an mhuir,
Ag Críost an t-iasc:
I líontaibh Dé
Go gcastar sinn.

*The seed is Christ's,
The harvest is Christ's:
Into God's barn
May we be gathered.
The sea is Christ's,
The fish is Christ's:
In God's nets
May we be caught.*

Ó fhás go haois
Is ó aois go bás,
Do dhá lámh', a Chríost,
Anall tharainn.
O bhás go críoc nach
Críoc ac athfhás,
I bParthas na ngrás go rabhaimid.

*From birth to adulthood
And from adulthood to death,
May your two hands, O Christ,
Be drawn over us.
From birth to the end
Not an end but rebirth.
In the paradise of grace may we be.*

Communion Hymn

Tune: Song 46

All

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields;
to all believers life eternal yields;
with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole;
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Before your presence, Lord, all people bow.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin (*Sancti, venite*, 7th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.
Music: First strain of Song46, Orlando Gibbons

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray. *Please stand.*
God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
People **Amen.**
Bishop Glory to God,
People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Bishop May Almighty God who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
People **Amen.**
Bishop May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.
People **Amen.**
Bishop May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.
People **Amen.**
Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Wolvercote

All

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

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