



Trinity Sunday

May 31, 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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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 Geoffrey Sangwine

Lector: Brainerd Blyden-Taylor

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 at 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 Adagio in A-Flat Major

Herbert Fricker

Welcome

Introit **The Call**

Gail Randall

Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Humphrey Clucas

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;

Choir

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 29

Chant by H. G. Ley

Choir

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

Sirach 43:1-12

Reader

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky, as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens. The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises what a marvellous instrument it is, the work of the Most High. At noon it parches the land, and who can withstand its burning heat? A man tending a furnace works in burning heat, but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains; it breathes out fiery vapours, and its bright rays blind the eyes. Great is the Lord who made it; at his orders it hurries on its course.

It is the moon that marks the changing seasons, governing the times, their everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for festal days, a light that wanes when it completes its course. The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself; how marvellous it is in this change, a beacon to the hosts on high, shining in the vault of the heavens!

The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a glittering array in the heights of the Lord. On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places; they never relax in their watches. Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it; it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the sky with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.

We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: 'He is the all.' Where can we find the strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works. Awesome is the Lord and very great, and marvellous is his power. Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can, for he surpasses even that. When you exalt him, summon all your strength, and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough. Who has seen him and can describe him? Or who can extol him as he is? Many things greater than these lie hidden, for I have seen but few of his works. For the Lord has made all things, and to the godly he has given wisdom.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Evening Service in E by Sydney Watson

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 1:29-34

Reader

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

Reader

Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in E by Sydney Watson

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 Holy One, whose fingers sculpted sun and moon; Holy Spirit, who brooded over the waters of creation; How Word, who lives in us; may we share in your grace, love and communion, so that we may live in your likeness; for you live in unity and diversity, one God, now and for ever.

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 O Lux Beatas Trinitas

William Byrd

Choir O lux beata Trinitas,
Et principalis unitas,
Iam sol recedit igneus,
Infunde lumen cordibus.

*O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of princely might,
The fiery sun now goes his way;
Shed Thou within our hearts Thy ray.*

Te mane laudum carmine,
Te deprecemur vespere:
Te nostra supplex gloria
Per cuncta laudet sæcula.

*To Thee our morning song of praise,
To Thee our evening prayer we raise;
Thy glory suppliant we adore
Forever and forevermore.*

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Ejusque soli Filio,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Et nunc et in perpetuum. Amen.

*All laud to God the Father be;
All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.*

(attr. Ambrose of Milan)
Translation by John Mason Neale

Homily

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Tune: Randolph

Hymn at the Collection

All Holy, holy, holy One,
Love's eternal Trinity;
we who hear your call, respond:
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

Holy Source of all that lives,
through creation's mystery,
your love speaks and we reply,
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

Holy Lamb, Love's sacrifice,
mighty in humility,
overawed we humbly say,
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

Holy Spirit, Deathless Joy,
though we face Love's agony,
touch our lips and we will cry,
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

Three Times Holy, loving God,
call our name, and we will be
each Love's living sacrifice:
Here I am, my God, send me!

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Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

God of mercy, accept all we offer you this day. Increase our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your love. May these offerings be used to support your church in the spread of the gospel and may our lives be spent in the pursuit of peace and justice in the world. In Christ we pray.

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 lux beata trinitas

Heinrich Scheidemann

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda;*

Regional Ministries in the Diocese of Toronto and the Music Ministry

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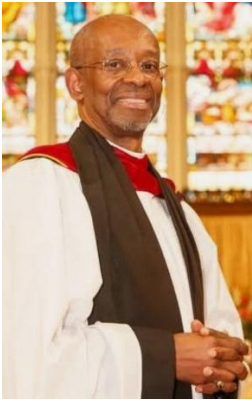
Sunday, May 31, 2026

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

Farewell: Join us for coffee hour & cake (after 9:00am service) and reception (after 11:00am service), to celebrate and give thanks for Canon Stephen's ministry.

☀️ What's On ☀️

Message from The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields



My time at St. James Cathedral has been marked by deep gratitude, growth, and joy. Beginning ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic brought real challenges, requiring adaptability, resilience, and patience.

These experiences reinforced the importance of compassionate, grounded leadership and the strength of community. A central highlight has been nurturing a liturgical life rooted in Anglican tradition while open to creative and meaningful expressions, such as the Bob Marley Mass and TeneBrass. Alongside services marking key moments in the life of the Church and wider society, these have helped shape worship that is engaging and responsive.

Pastoral ministry has been a profound privilege, walking with members of the community through moments of joy, grief, and transition. I am especially thankful for the collaborative spirit of lay and ordained leaders, and for the growth of a more inclusive and participatory worshipping community. Expanded lay involvement, engaging our children, and the continuation of daily prayer online have all enriched our common life.

Looking ahead, there is much hope. Creative worship, strong outreach ministries, growing engagement with younger generations, and dedicated leadership all point to a vibrant future. At the same time, opportunities remain in deepening Christian formation, encouraging broader participation, strengthening stewardship, and caring for the Cathedral's historic building.

On a personal note, this season has deepened my vocation as a liturgist and my service to the wider Diocese. As Lucy and I conclude what has been a joyful and fulfilling ministry, we say a heartfelt "thank you" to Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Deans, Wardens, clergy, staff, volunteers, and the entire Cathedral community for your love and support.

June 4 at 1:00pm • Early Music at St. James – St. George's Chapel

Blockflöte, Bergamo and Bach. Toronto Baroque Players: Ryoko Hou, harpsichord, Samuel Rothermel, viola & Ivan Vutev, viola da gamba. Music by Telemann, Rameau, Marino, and Bach.

June 6 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

Enjoy coffee on us while the kids play together. Open to all. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/playdate

June 9, 20, 23 & 28 • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

Tours take place at 1:00pm on June 20 & 28, and at 2:00pm on June 9 & 23. No RSVP. 40-min.

☀ What's Next ☀

June 13 at 10:00am • Children's Community Choir Concert

Join us for a joyful Children's Community Choir concert and experience the beauty of young voices in harmony. Reception follows. Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

June 14 at 1:00pm • York Group Presentation & Lunch with Canon Geoffrey

Join us after the 11:00am coffee hour for *The Seasons of the Church Year* by The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine our Sub-Dean & Vicar Designate, followed by a light lunch.

RSVP: info@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865. All are warmly invited.

June 14 at 4:30pm • Jazz with Pride

Celebrate the Toronto Jazz Festival and Pride Month with *JAZZ with Pride*, a Jazz Vespers service featuring a local band *Kalabash* and the St. James Cathedral Choir. All are invited.

June 26 at 6:00pm • Family Fun Night – Theme: Beach Party

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 Needed ☀

July 1 • Canada Day Drop-In & Community BBQ – Call for Volunteers

The Drop-In needs helping hands in the kitchen, with setup, serving, and cleanup. Interested? Contact: Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-3647865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

This Week at St. James

Organ Recital: Tuesday 1:00pm. Organist: Michelle Chung. 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

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: June 7 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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: 12:15pm in St. George's Chapel, Monday-Saturday

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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