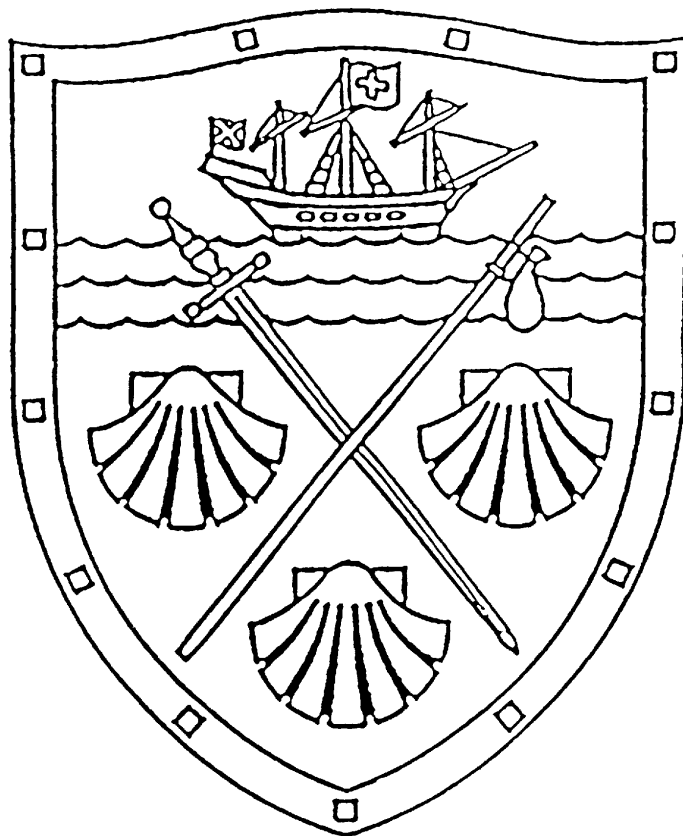




The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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.

For more information, visit our website by clicking the QR code on the right.



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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.

Please see the leaflets at the back of the Cathedral or
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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 Greg Carpenter

Cathedral Clergy: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Lector: Ruth Davis

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.

In honour of Mother's day and in thanksgiving for a 70th birthday celebration,

And in loving memory of

Harry & Eva Wall; Cpl. Gordon and Mabel Saunders and Joyce Ellen Farrish

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

Gaudeamus Domine

William Byrd

Choir

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of all the Saints: at whose solemnity the Angels rejoice, and give praise to the Son of God. Rejoice ye just in our Lord: praise becometh the righteous. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Humphrey Lucas

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 53

Chant by T. Attwood

Choir

The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'

Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;
there is no one that does good.

God has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth,
to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God.

They are all gone out of the way;

all alike have become corrupt;

there is no one that does good, no not one.

Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,

who eat up my people as if they ate bread,

and do not call upon God?
There shall they be in great fear,
such fear as never was;
for God will scatter the bones of the ungodly.
They will be put to shame,
because God has rejected them.
O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!
When God restores the fortunes of his people
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Psalm 54

Chant by M. Wise

Choir

Save me, O God, by your name
and vindicate me by your power.
Hear my prayer, O God;
give heed to the words of my mouth.
For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless seek after my life;
they have not set God before them.
Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who upholds my life.
May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me;
destroy them in your faithfulness.
An offering of a free heart will I give you
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.
For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

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, 27-32

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.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

The St. John's Service by Jonathan Dove

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 12:13-21

Reader Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The St. John’s Service by Jonathan Dove

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 Three-fold God of love, you invite us to abide in you. May we follow the Spirit of truth, so that through us your commanding love may speak to the heart of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Choir Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Anthem **If ye be risen again with Christ** *Orlando Gibbons*

Choir If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Homily

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Creator God

All Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath his hand and power,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and meet his love with mine.

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Offertory Prayer

Canon 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:
The Church of Pakistan (United); Oshawa Deanery and the Altar Guild*

PASTORAL CARE

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, May 10, 2026

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

Happy Mother's Day

Today we honour and give thanks for all those whose love reflects God's love, mothers and mother figures, grandmothers, caregivers, mentors, elders, and aunties, those who guide, support, and nurture with grace in both seen and unseen ways. We are deeply grateful for your wisdom, strength, and faithful love. May you be blessed and celebrated today and always.

☀ What's On ☀

May 11 • Welcoming the New Vicar/Sub Dean for St. James Cathedral

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine as our Vicar and Sub Dean, and look forward to Geoffrey and his partner Mark being with us in the Cathedral community.

May • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

May 16, 17 at 1:00pm & May 12, 26 at 2:00pm. No RSVP. Free 40-minute tours. Open to all.

May 17 at 4:30pm • Thy Kingdom Come (TKC): Join the global wave of prayer

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement inviting Christians to pray for others to come to know Jesus. St. James Cathedral has been invited by the Anglican Communion Office to host this event as part of this worldwide initiative in North America. Join us for a special worship service celebrating Toronto's rich diversity, with prayers in Cantonese, Tagalog, Twi, Spanish, Tamil, and more. Reception follows. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/thykingdomcome

May 22 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm • 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

May 23 & 24 from 10:00am to 5:00pm (Cathedral & Cemetery) • Doors Open 2026

At St. James Cathedral, visitors can enjoy guided tours, organ demonstrations, an open rehearsal with the Children's Community Choir, and bell tower tours with the Change Ringers Guild.

At St. James Cemetery, guided and self-guided tours will be available.

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/doorsopen

Call for Volunteers

We hope you will volunteer for this special event. The Cathedral is seeking volunteers on both days to welcome visitors, provide information, and support activities. St. James Cemetery is also seeking volunteers, please contact cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Volunteer orientation sessions

Sunday, May 17 at 3:00pm and Friday, May 22 at 10:00am. To volunteer at the Cathedral, visit stjamescathedral.ca/doorsopen and complete the sign-up form.

☀ What's Next ☀

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, on Sunday, May 31 as he prepares for retirement on June 30, 2026. We will give thanks for the Vicar's 45 years of ordained ministry. You can also read a recent article (Page 16) in the February 2026 issue of *The Anglican* reflecting on the ministry of our Vicar, Stephen Fields.

Invitation: Join us for coffee hour and cake (after 9:00am service) and a farewell reception (after 11:00am service), as we gather to celebrate and give thanks for Canon Stephen's ministry.

Farewell Gift: If you would like to express your appreciation by contributing to Vicar's Farewell Gift, you may e-transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca and specify *Vicar's Farewell Gift* in the message, make your gift at the Sunday offering or drop off your gift at 65 Church Street and specify *Vicar's Farewell Gift* on the envelope. Please note that contributions towards the farewell gift are non-receiptable. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/vicar

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 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 4:30pm • Jazz with Pride

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

Upcoming Family Events

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

☀ What's Needed ☀

Drop-In • Call for Spring & Summer Volunteers

Are you free on Fridays? The Drop-In is looking for extra hands and appreciates your support. Details: Kathy Biasi - Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865 Ext. 221 or visit stjamescathedral.ca/dropin

Drop-In • Volunteers needed to pick up bread for the Drop-In once a month

The Drop-In is looking for volunteers who have a car and would be willing to pick up bread for the Drop-In from Blackbird Bakery (St. Lawrence Market) once a month on Thursday at 7:00pm. It would then be delivered to St. James Cathedral Centre's walk-in fridge. This bread is a donation that will be given away on Friday at the Drop-In. If you are interested in helping out contact Kathy Biasi - Outreach Manager kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865 Ext. 221

This Week at St. James

The Vicar will be away from May 12-14, leading the retreat for The Rev. Denise Byard to be ordained Priest on May 16 in Peterborough (566 Armour Road).

The Rev. Denise Byard will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on May 16, 2026, at 4:00pm at St. Luke's, Peterborough. All are invited.

Organ Recital: Tuesday at 1:00pm. Organist: Adam MacNeil (Trinity College, U of T).

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: No rehearsal on Saturday, May 16. 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: May 17 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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

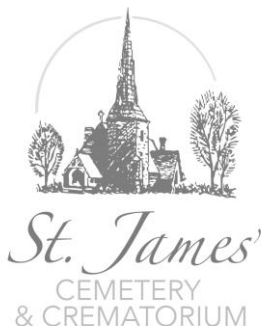
St. James Cathedral Centre: Open 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday

Weekly Newsletter: Sign up at stjamescathedral.ca. Confirm your email after registration

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St. James Cemetery & Crematorium

Monthly Eucharist: First Wednesday of each month at 11:00am

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