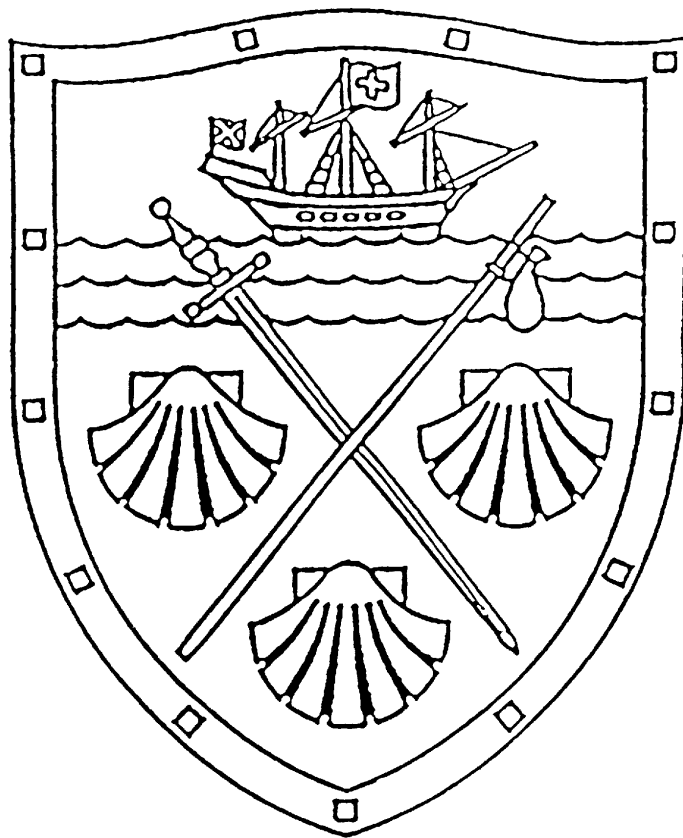




The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 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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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.

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online at stjamescathedral.ca/contact for more information.

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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 Philip Hobson, OGS

Cathedral Clergy: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

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 at the Cathedral are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary (Mollie) Hamilton Walton-Ball.*

*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 **Voluntary IV in G Minor**

Samuel Felsted

Welcome

Introit **God So Loved The World**

Bob Chilcott

Choir

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.
No one has ever seen God.
The only Son, closest to the Father's heart has revealed Him.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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 62

Choir

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;
from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.
How long will all of you assail me to destroy me,
as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?
They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour;
lies are their chief delight;
they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they curse.
Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul;
for in him is my hope.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
In God is my strength and my glory;
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.
Put your trust in him always, my people;
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
The peoples are but a breath,
the whole human race a deceit;
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.
Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same,
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Psalm 63

Choir

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.
My flesh also faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.
So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.
I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.
My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
For you have been my helper
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand shall hold me fast.
But those who seek my soul to destroy it
shall go down to the depths of the earth;
Let them fall by the edge of the sword
and become a portion for jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in God;
all those who swear by him shall be glad,
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

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

Ezekiel 3:4-11

Reader He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel—not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. See, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. He said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God’; whether they hear or refuse to hear.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

The First Service by Thomas Weelkes

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

Acts 9:32-43

Reader Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. Peter said to

him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The First Service by Thomas Weelkes

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 Welcoming God, make us apostles of your generous love, so that we might offer hospitality that challenges the world with your gift of eternal life, made known in Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us.

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 Hear My Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn

Choir Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide!
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee!
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, The godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there for ever at rest.

Homily

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

Donate to St. James Cathedral
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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Old Yeavinger

All Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.

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Offertory Prayer

Dean 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

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Bishop's Committee on Liturgy & Life;
and the children and families of the Cathedral*

PASTORAL CARE

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Services: 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

Coffee Hour: Join us after 9:00am & 11:00am services for cake in celebration of Pride Month!

Today at 1:00pm: Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*. No RSVP. 40-min.

Happy Pride Sunday: Our new Pride Banner reminds us the words of the First Letter of John: *"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God"*. Today we celebrate the gift of diversity, inclusion and the power of love to transform lives and communities. We give thanks especially for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community at St. James Cathedral, in the wider Church and community.

Prayer for Pride Sunday

God of justice, we pray for a world where no one is shamed for who they are or who they love. We pray for safety for those who face discrimination, healing for those who have been hurt by rejection, and strength for those who continue to speak truth in the face of fear. Help us, O God, to be a community of radical welcome, to open our doors, our hearts, and our minds so that all may find belonging and draw closer to you. Give us the courage to stand alongside our 2SLGBTQIA+ siblings, to speak out against hatred, and to live out Your call to love without limits. Amen.

☀ What's On ☀

July 1 at 12:30pm • Canada Day - St. James Drop-In & Community BBQ

The Drop-In invites to a BBQ to celebrate on the West Lawn from 12:30pm-3:00pm. A mid-day Eucharist will be held in St. George's Chapel at 12:15pm. All are welcome.

July 4 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

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

July 12, 14, 19, 25 & 26 • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

Tours take place at 1:00pm in the Cathedral. No RSVP. 40-min. All are welcome.

☀ What's Next ☀

July 26 • Patronal Festival Service and Emancipation Day at St. James

Celebrate with us the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. James & the blessing of the Emancipation Plaque. Immediately after the 11:00am service all are welcome to join us from 12:30pm to 3:00pm for the Patronal BBQ on the Cathedral's West Lawn for food and fellowship. No RSVP.

August 31 - September 3 • Children's Choir Summer Camp (9:30am-3:00pm)

Music Camp for children ages 8-12 interested in singing and music!

Activities include choir & music activities, art, drama, guest musicians, and outdoor time.

Final recital: Sep. 3 at 2:00pm. Register here: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

☼ What's Needed ☼

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

BBQ: Help needed with setup, serving & cleanup. Info: Kathy Biasi - kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

Booth: Help us share info about St. James. Info: Canon Kristen Pitts - kpitts@stjamescathedral.ca

July 26 • Patronal Festival & BBQ - Call for Volunteers

Help us prepare, serve food, or clean-up. Interested? info@stjamescathedral.ca - 416-3647865.

September 26 • Trivia Night “Food for Thought” is back - Call for Volunteers

The Drop-In needs extra hands for set up, guest registration, serving, clean-up and more.

Interested? Details: Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

This week at St. James

The Rev. Matthew Waterman is on vacation today.

Happy Canada Day: This Week's Special Schedule (June 28 – July 4, 2026)

The Cathedral is open 10:00am–3:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

On Canada Day (Wednesday, July 1), the Cathedral will be open from 12:00pm–3:00pm.

The Cathedral Centre offices are open 9:00am–4:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Organ Recitals resume on Tuesday, Sep. 8. Full schedule: stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals

Scripture Circle: No meeting this week. Resumes next Wednesday at 11:00am.

Drop-In: Fridays 1:30pm-3:30pm. stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin

Children's Choir: Resumes on Saturday, Sep. 19 at 9:30am. 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: July 5 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:11-18; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19-25-30

Weekdays at St. James

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am: Special schedule this week - please see details above.

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

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

St. James Cathedral: Special schedule this week - please see details above.

St. James Cathedral Centre: Special schedule this week - please see details above.

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