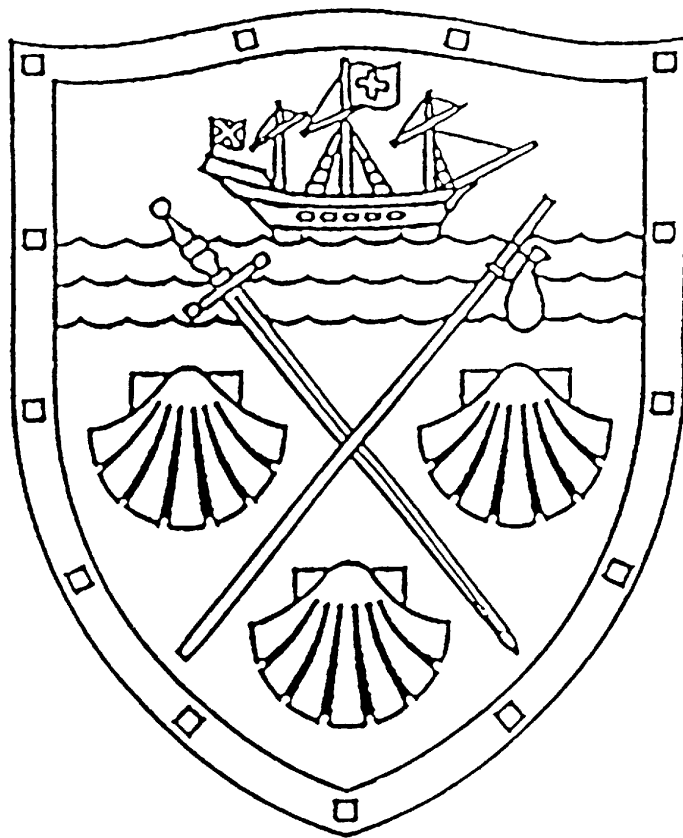




**Feast of St. James the Apostle &
Emancipation Sunday**

July 26, 2026

Procession & Choral Eucharist at 11:00am

*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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Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
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Accessibility

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Please join us at Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am service.

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Anointer: The Reverend Lynn Braye • Sub-Deacon: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

First Reader: Christoph Pike • Second Reader: Dr. Rosemary Sadlier, OOnt

Intercessor: Daisy Pittis • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

*Communion Ministers: Sean Hopperton, Wairimu Nduati, Mary Hopperton,
Brainerd Blyden-Taylor and Joanne Short*

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

Bells rung by The St. James Guild of Change Ringers

The flowers at the Cathedral are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Iris Weiss,

Judy Reddall,

Charles Edward Cizek.

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning.

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Our practice during this liturgy is to stand when we sing and during the proclamation of the Gospel, sit for other Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and stand, sit, or kneel for prayer.

These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you.

Music of the Mass: Communion Service in E by Harold Darke

Prelude

Presider Jesus Christ is the Liberator of us all.

All **Because He endured death upon the cross, the chains of sin have been broken. Through His resurrection, we have been reconciled with God, our creator.**

Presider God in His mercy has led forth His people who He has redeemed.

All **God will guide us in strength to our holy habitation.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace, Alleluia!

All **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!**

Processional Hymn

Tune: Sine Nomine

All For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day—
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Collect of the Station

Presider Be glad O you righteous and rejoice in the Lord. Alleluia!

All **And be joyful, all you who are true of heart. Alleluia!**

Presider Eternal God, whose service is perfect freedom, who delivered your people Israel from slavery in Egypt; we thank you for delivering your people out of enslavement into freedom. We pray that by your grace, and strengthened by the witness of St James our Patron, we will preserve our freedom and respect and defend the freedom of others, through him by whom we are made free, your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Darwall's 148th

All Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

Richard Baxter (1615–1691) and John Hampden Gurney (1802–1862)

Music: Melody by John Darwall (1731–1789)

harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

descant by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947)

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Kyrie Eleison

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

*During the Gloria, children will proceed to the Library
in the Cathedral Centre for Sunday School; they will return at the Offertory.*

Gloria

David Hurd



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's 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.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, we remember today your servant James, the first apostle to give his life for faith in Jesus Christ. Pour out on all your people that spirit of self-denying service which is the mark of true leadership. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 7:1-10

Chant by R. Cooke

Choir

O Lord my God, in you I take refuge;
save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,
Lest they rend me like a lion and tear me in pieces
while there is no one to help me.
O Lord my God, if I have done these things:
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
If I have repaid my friend with evil,
or plundered my enemy without a cause,
Then let my enemy pursue me and overtake me,
trample my life to the ground,
and lay my honour in the dust.
Rise up, O Lord, in your wrath;
lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies.
Awaken, my God, the judgement that you have commanded.
Let the assembly of the peoples gather round you;
be seated high above them: O Lord, judge the nations.
Give judgement for me
according to my righteousness, O Lord,
and according to the innocence that is in me.
Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,
but establish the righteous;
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

God is my shield that is over me;
he saves the true of heart.

The Second Reading

Acts 11:27-12:3

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gregory Murray

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord; that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:20-28

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Deacon Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over

them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

Homily

Affirmation of Faith *A version of the Nicene Creed used by the Masai People, Kenya.*

Presider We believe in the one High God,

People who out of love created the beautiful world, and everything good in it. God created human beings, and wants them to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the book of God’s word, the Bible, to save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Presider As we celebrate our Patron, Saint James and Emancipation Sunday, let us offer our prayers to the God of freedom and mercy, saying, Lord, hear our prayer and keep us free.

People Lord, hear our prayer and keep us free.

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider God of justice and compassion, accept the prayers we offer this day. Make us instruments of your peace and agents of your freedom, through Jesus Christ our Liberator.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider Most merciful God,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn

Tune: The Vicar of Bray

All

Sing praise to God on mountain tops
and in earth's lowest places,
from blue lagoon to polar waste,
from ocean to oasis.

No random rock produced this world
but God's own will and wonder.
Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing
and clouds concur with thunder.

Sing praise to God where grasses grow
and flowers display their beauty,
where Nature weaves her myriad web
through love as much as duty.
The seasons in their cycle speak
of earth's complete provision.
Let nothing mock inherent good
or treat it with derision.

Sing praise to God where fishes swim
and birds fly in formation,
where animals of every kind
diversify creation.
All life that finds its home on earth
is meant to be respected.
Let nothing threaten, for base ends,
what God through grace perfected.

Sing praise to God where humankind
its majesty embraces,
where different races, creeds and tongues
distinguish different faces.
God's image in each child of earth
shall never pale or perish.
So treat with love each human soul
and thus God's goodness cherish.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Lord God, today we honour your servant James, the first apostle to share the cup of suffering and death. Receive our offering of praise and thanksgiving, and renew us in the service of your Son Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. We ask this in his name.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.

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

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth apostles to preach the gospel and to teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore with angels and archangels and all your holy people, we raise our voices 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.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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,

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

Presider 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.

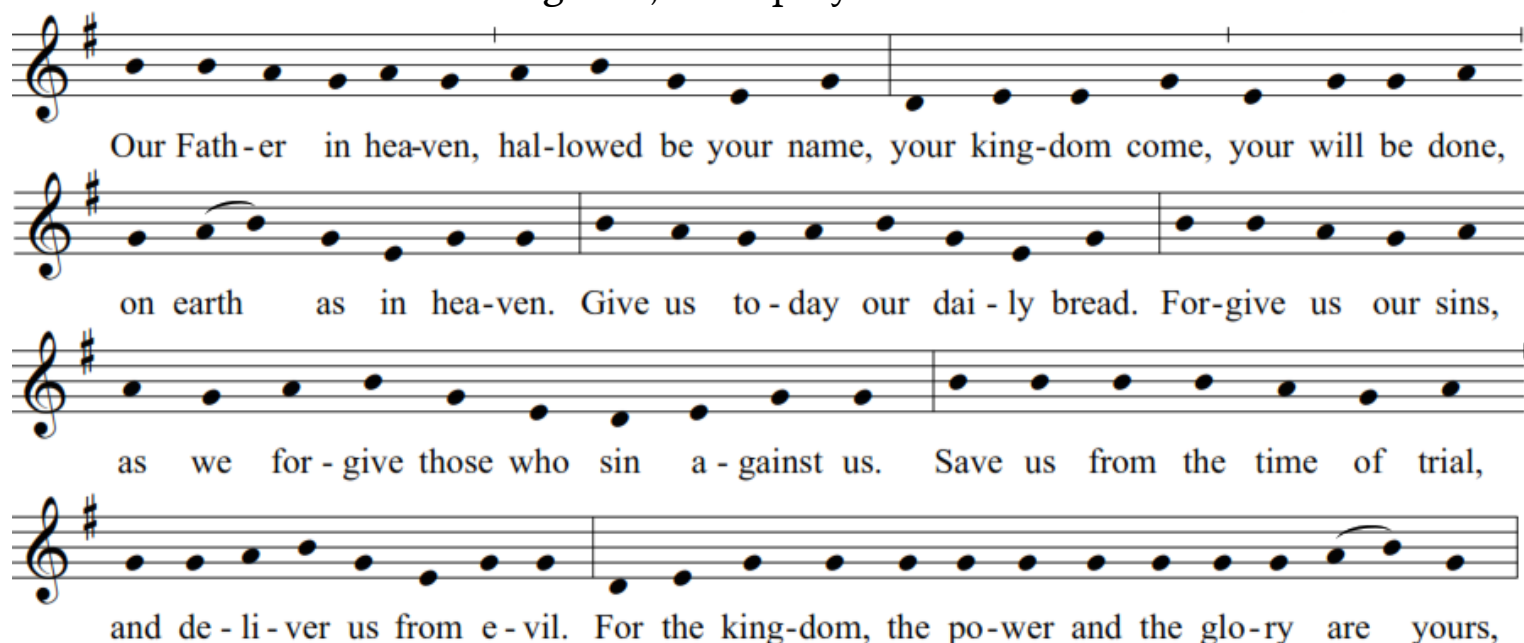
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom,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

People **Amen.**

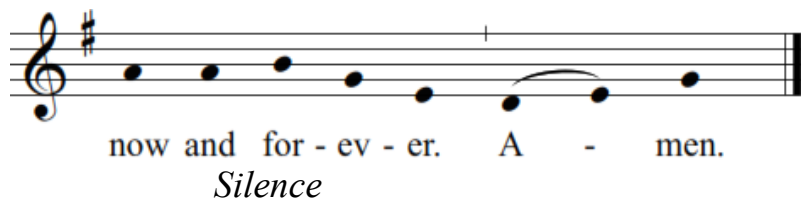
The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,



The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion

Presider 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 approach the High Altar in **single file and fill the altar rail from the right side.** Exit through the door by the organ.*
- *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.*
- *Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Baptistry.*

Communion Hymn

Traditional South African folk song

All Senzeni Na?

What have we done?

Motet Psalm One

Nathan Carter

Choir Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. But his delight is in the law of the lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers, the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Communion Hymn

Traditional African American spiritual

All Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.

All And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, ring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Please follow the Clergy outside to dedicate the new Emancipation Plaque.

Hymn

Tune: Paderborn

All The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

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DEDICATION OF THE PLAQUE

Acknowledgement

Leader We acknowledge that from the 17th century until the 19th century, adults and children were forcefully kidnapped and displaced from their homes in Western Africa and brought across the Atlantic Ocean to the Caribbean and the Americas, where they were forced into chattel slavery. We also acknowledge that even after the abolition of slavery in 1834, the descendants of the enslaved and other members of the African Diaspora and the Black community have and continue to face discrimination based on the colour of their skin. Today we take time to acknowledge, reflect, and honour the significant resilience and contributions of people of African descent to the church and society as a whole.

Blessing of the Plaque

Dean In the faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this plaque in thanksgiving for the emancipation of the enslaved people from Africa, and in prayer that we may ever strive for peace, justice and freedom for all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Act of Commitment

Dean As we celebrate Emancipation Day, let us commit ourselves to creating a more inclusive and equitable Church and society for all.

All **We commit to continued education, for ourselves and others, about the contributions and experiences of the Black community. Let us work together, emboldened by the Holy Spirit, to create a world where, regardless of race, everyone is embraced as beloved children of God.**

Sending

Deacon

Let us go to our work and into our relationships stimulated by hope, strengthened by faith, directed by love, to play our part in the liberation of all people, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Thanks be to our liberating God! Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:

The Anglican Church of Tanzania;

Giving With Grace – the Anglican Appeal of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Ministry Council

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, July 26, 2026

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

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

☀ What's On ☀

Today • Patronal Festival Service and Emancipation Day at St. James

Celebrate the Feast Day of St. James and the blessing of the Emancipation Plaque after the 11:00am service with a BBQ in Snell Hall from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

Why do we celebrate St. James, the Apostle?

Our patron saint, James the Apostle, was one of Jesus's first disciples and one of the 3 disciples at the Transfiguration. Legend says that his remains were discovered in Spain, miraculously covered in scallop shells. This is why the shell is a symbol of St. James. The feast day of a community's patron saint is an occasion for special celebration in Anglican parishes, as we honour the enduring legacy of the saint's life and ministry.

Why do we commemorate Emancipation Day?

This day marks the end of slavery in the British Empire on August 1, 1834. St. James has long held commemorative services, which were begun by Toronto's African-Canadian community. The day honours the resilience and contributions of Black communities in Canada.

Thank you Waithera

We thank Waithera Kahuthu for her longstanding ministry of hospitality during our Coffee Hour. Today, on her last day, we are grateful for the warmth she has shared with our community.

August 1 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

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

☀ What's Next ☀

August 4, 9, 16, 18, 23 & 30 • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

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

August 31 - September 3 • Children's Choir Summer Camp – Last Call

We welcome children ages 8–12 who love singing and music to enjoy art, drama, games, and more each day from 9:30am–3:00pm. Few spots left, RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

September 6 at 1:30pm • Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us for a joyful 30-minute special service of *Blessing of the Backpacks* with the Children's Choir Campers followed by a fun fair on the West Lawn from 2:00pm-4:00pm. All ages welcome!

September 26 at 6:00pm • Trivia Night Fundraiser - Tickets are on sale now

Have fun while supporting our Drop-In meal program. Prizes for the winners, entertainment intermission, and silent auction. Team table \$320 (8 players) & Individual \$40. All tickets include trivia game & a meal. **Get your tickets today:** stjamescathedral.ca/trivianight

☼ What's Needed ☼

September 26 • Trivia Night “Food for Thought” - 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 Dean is away from July 29 to August 3.

Canon Geoffrey Sangwine is away on vacation from July 27 to July 31.

The Rev. Matthew Waterman is away on vacation from July 27 to August 19.

Organ Recitals: Resume on Tuesday, Sep. 8. In the meantime, enjoy performances on the Cathedral YouTube Channel. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals

Scripture Circle: In-person on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

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: August 2 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 16; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

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 - 635 Parliament Street, Toronto

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

Did you know? St. James Cemetery offers a range of cremation and burial services.

Pre-planning assures wishes are honoured and provides support for your loved ones as they grieve. **Info:** 416-964-9194, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca or stjamescemetery.ca