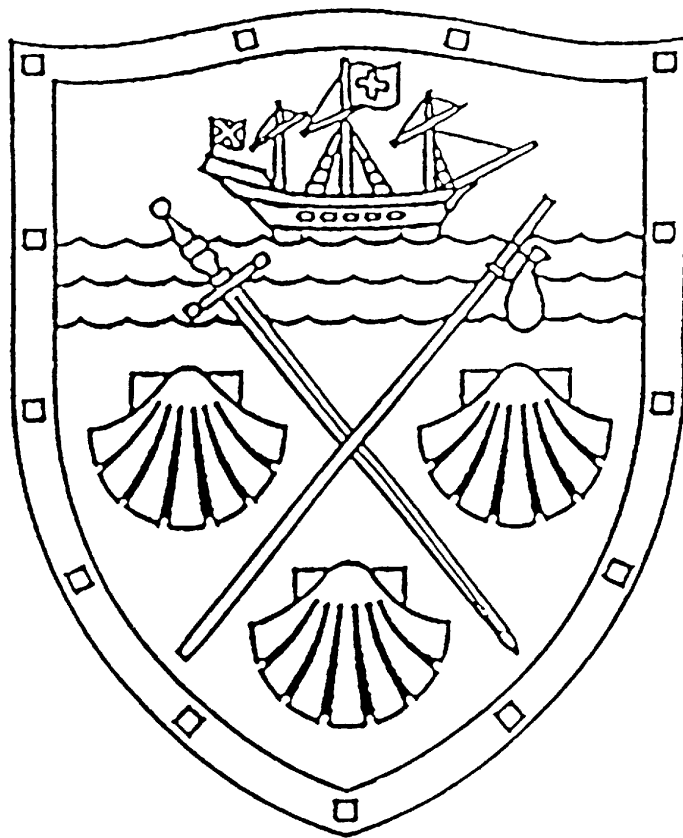




Feast of St. James the Apostle & Emancipation Sunday

*July 26, 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.

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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 Michael Burgess

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Lector: Sandra Mowat

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

Iris Weiss,

Judy Reddall,

Charles Edward Cizek.

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 **Come, Let's Rejoice**

John Amner

Choir

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Bernard Rose

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 119:161-176

Chant by J. L. Rogers

Choir

Princes have persecuted me without a cause,
but my heart stands in awe of your word.

I am as glad of your word

as one who finds great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them,

but your law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise you,

because of your righteous judgements.

Great peace have they who love your law;

nothing shall make them stumble.

Lord, I have looked for your salvation

and I have fulfilled your commandments.

My soul has kept your testimonies

and greatly have I loved them.
I have kept your commandments and testimonies,
for all my ways are before you.
Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding, according to your word.
Let my supplication come before you;
deliver me, according to your promise.
My lips shall pour forth your praise,
when you have taught me your statutes.
My tongue shall sing of your word,
for all your commandments are righteous.
Let your hand reach out to help me,
for I have chosen your commandments.
I have longed for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.
Let my soul live and it shall praise you,
and let your judgements be my help.
I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

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

Jeremiah 26:1-15

Reader

At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the Lord: Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. You shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently—though you have not heeded—then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, 'You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying,

“This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant”?’ And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, ‘This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.’

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, ‘It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.’

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

The ‘Gloucester Service’ by Herbert Howells

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

Mark 1:14-20

Reader Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The 'Gloucester Service' by Herbert Howells

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
Choir

Our Father
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
Choir

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant
Choir

O Lord, save the King;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant
Choir

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant
Choir

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant
Choir

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant
Choir

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant

Almighty God, we remember today thy servant James, the first apostle to give his life for faith in Jesus Christ. Pour out on all thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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
Choir

To Be A Pilgrim

Thomas Bell

We would true valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let us in constancy
Follow the master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make us once relent
Our first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim

Who so beset us
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
Our strength the more is.
No foes shall stay our might;
Though we with giants fight,
We will make good our right
To be a pilgrim.

When creeping thoughts and fears
Weave through the darkness
Who but our Lord is near
Each snare to expose
In Him we'll put our trust
All doubt shall turn to dust
For well take the road we must,
To be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt our spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
We'll fear not what they say,
We'll labor night and day
To be a pilgrim.

Homily

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

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Tune: Arfon Major

Hymn at the Collection

All

Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son,
sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and eternal One.
God has made us, and has blessed us, and has called us to be true;
God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows,

praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice,
praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice.
Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, sustaining Spirit—be thy holy name adored!

Text: R.B.Y. Scott, alt.
Music: Melody Welsh trad.

Offertory Prayer

Vicar

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 Tanzania;

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

PASTORAL CARE

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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