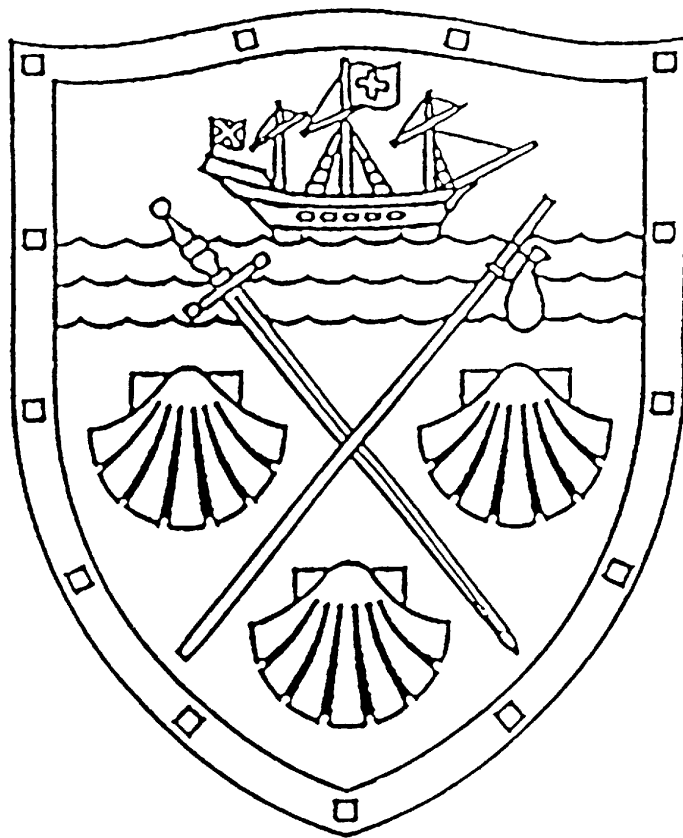




The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 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 Philip Hobson, OGS

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Lector: Dorothea Merritt

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell

Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

The flowers at the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

Choral Evensong

Our practice at Evensong is to stand for the choir processions, the canticles, and the hymn; to sit for the Bible readings, the Psalms and the homily; and to kneel or sit for prayer. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

Prelude

Welcome

Introit **The Lord God Omnipotent**

George Thalben-Ball

Choir

The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Let us rejoice and be glad and give honour unto him.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

William Smith

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 19

Choir

The heavens are telling the glory of God

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another

and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language

and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands

and their words to the ends of the world.

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,

that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber

and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

It goes forth from the end of the heavens

and runs to the very end again,

and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.
By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 46

Choir

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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 37:15-28

Reader

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it'; and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?' say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it, and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children's children shall live there for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting

covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them for evermore. My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations shall know that I the Lord sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them for evermore.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Magnificat in G 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 4:35-41

Reader On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Nunc Dimittis in G 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

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 Almighty God, who sent thy Holy Spirit to be the light and life of the Church. Open our hearts to the riches of thy grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem **O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Out** *Bob Chilcott*

Choir O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
 Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold,
thou art there.
If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the
sea;
Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Homily

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

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www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/



Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Surrey

All Come, O thou traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay
And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am,
My misery or sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name;
Look on thy hands and read it there!
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now—for I am weak,
But confident in self-despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,
Be conquer'd by my instant prayer;
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me, if thy name is love.

'Tis love! 'tis love! thou diedst for me!
I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee:
Pure, universal love thou art;
To me, to all thy passions move;
Thy nature and thy name is love.

Offertory Prayer

Canon 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 Episcopal Church; Durham & Northumberland Deanery and Property Staff & Sextons

PASTORAL CARE

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, August 9, 2026

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

☀ What's On ☀

August 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.

☀ What's Next ☀

August 30 at 11:00am • Rev. Matthew's last Sunday at St. James Cathedral

We will mark the final Sunday of ministry for The Rev. Matthew Waterman and give thanks for his faithful ministry at St. James Cathedral since May 2024.

Invitation: Join us for coffee hour and cake after the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

Farewell Gift: If you would like to express your appreciation by contributing to Rev. Matthew's Farewell Gift, you may e-transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca (specify *Matthew's Farewell Gift*), make your gift at the Sunday offering or drop off your gift at 65 Church Street (specify *Matthew's Farewell Gift*). Contributions towards the farewell gift are non-receiptable.

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

Join us for a joyful 30-minute special service with the Children's Choir Campers followed by a fun fair on the West Lawn from 2:00pm-4:00pm. All ages welcome. No RSVP.

September 12 at 12:00pm • Kairos Blanket Exercise with Jonathan Maracle

Join us from 12:00pm to 3:00pm for a light lunch followed by music, community, and the interactive Kairos Blanket Exercise which teaches an important part of Indigenous History.

This is a free event with limited capacity, please RSVP here: stjamescathedral.ca/kairos

September 13 at 4:30pm • Special Vespers for Truth and Reconciliation

Join us as we honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation with a special Vespers service featuring the music of Indigenous musician Jonathan Maracle (Mohawk).

September 25 at 6:30pm • Family Fun Night

Families, children, and youth of all ages are invited for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Dinner and light refreshments provided. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight

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

Have fun while helping to 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

October 2 & 3 • Blessing of the Animals – St. James Cathedral & Cemetery

Celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with a special service for pets, friends & family.

St. James Cathedral: October 3 at 11:00am with the Children's Community Choir.

St. James Cemetery: October 2 at 11:00am (635 Parliament St., Toronto).

☼ What's Needed ☼

September 6 at 1:30pm • Blessing of the Backpacks – Call for Volunteers

Many roles available. Interested? Contact Canon Kristen Pitts at kpitts@stjamescathedral.ca

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

Extra hands are needed for set up, guest registration, serving, clean-up and more. Interested?

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

Monthly Family Fun Nights & Sunday School – Call for Volunteers

Interested? Contact our Children's Minister, Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

This week at St. James

The Rev. Matthew Waterman is away on vacation until August 19.

The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine is away on vacation until August 24.

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

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

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 16 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.10-28

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.

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