



The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2026 at 9:00am

***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.

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



Questions? Our greeters wearing name tags are here to help.

Children & Families

Children of all ages are invited to participate in and help lead our service. Our volunteers are here to tell you how you can help today or in the future.

For our youngest worshipers, a soft space for wiggling and crawling is offered at the front near the altar. If you need a changing table or quiet space to sit with your child, our St. George's Chapel is available just outside the rear doors of the sanctuary.

For more information about children and family programs, contact our Children, Youth, and Family Minister Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca.

To learn about our Children's Community Choir, contact Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca.

Accessibility

An all-gender accessible washroom is located at the front of the sanctuary through the doors to the left. Assisted hearing devices are available from the greeters wearing name tags.

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Please check that devices are silenced and keep your belongings with you at all times.

We're glad you're here! At this service, people of all ages and abilities pray, sing, learn, lead, and grow in faith TOGETHER.

We know that all our brains and bodies are different, and we hope you will feel comfortable participating in the ways that are best for you.

All baptized Christians are ministers of God's Church. In this Eucharist we each contribute as co-celebrants with Christ, the Chief Celebrant, and both lay people and clergy serve in a variety of ways.

We invite you to offer your gifts by choosing a card from the "Help Us Worship Together" board or by talking with one of our clergy about pre-assigned lay roles like readers and greeters.

Today our presider is The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance, and our homilist is The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts.

While our bulletin includes suggested postures for different parts of the service, these are traditional ways that Christians have participated in the liturgy with their bodies and are not required. Please use postures that support your own prayerful engagement in the service.

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

Scheduled Roles today

*Reader: Maurice Snelgrove
Prayer Leader: Carol Kysela
Volunteer Guide: Karyne Whalen
Greeters: Melissa Erskine, Susan Jose
Communion Ministers: Rob Haines, Bob Hart,
Sarah McKinnon
Hospitality: Karyne Whalen*

Scheduled Roles for next week

*Reader: Nick Tunnacliffe
Prayer Leader: Quentin Toderick
Volunteer Guide: Peggy Crowther
Greeters: Jasmine Veinot, Irene Bailey
Communion Ministers: Bassel Dick, Paul Melville-Gray,
Carol Kysela
Server: Michael Quaglia
Hospitality: Peggy Crowther*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome

Call to Worship

Please stand.

Convener This is the day that the Lord has made.

***People* We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Convener We will give thanks and sing praise to God.

***People* We will listen to God's Word and pray for God's people.**

Convener We will come to God's table and be fed.

***People* We will go out from this table and feed the world Christ calls us to serve.**

Convener Jesus, you sent the Holy Spirit to your disciples. Lead us by that same Spirit today.

***All* Amen.**

All are invited to walk in the procession if they wish! Please gather in the entrance of the Cathedral (Narthex) during the first verse to join in.

Opening Hymn

All Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all
are welcome in this place.

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Collect of Purity

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria
Refrain

"Gloria" from Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne



All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain*

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Mighty God, you have broken the chains of sin and sent your Spirit into our hearts. Help us to use our freedom for your service, so that all people may share the true liberty you offer your children. We ask this through Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis, chapter 45.

After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin, Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, "Everyone, leave now!" So no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh's household heard

Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me,” and they moved closer. He said, “I’m your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. Now, don’t be upset and don’t be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. We’ve already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. God sent me before you to make sure you’d survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. You didn’t send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship

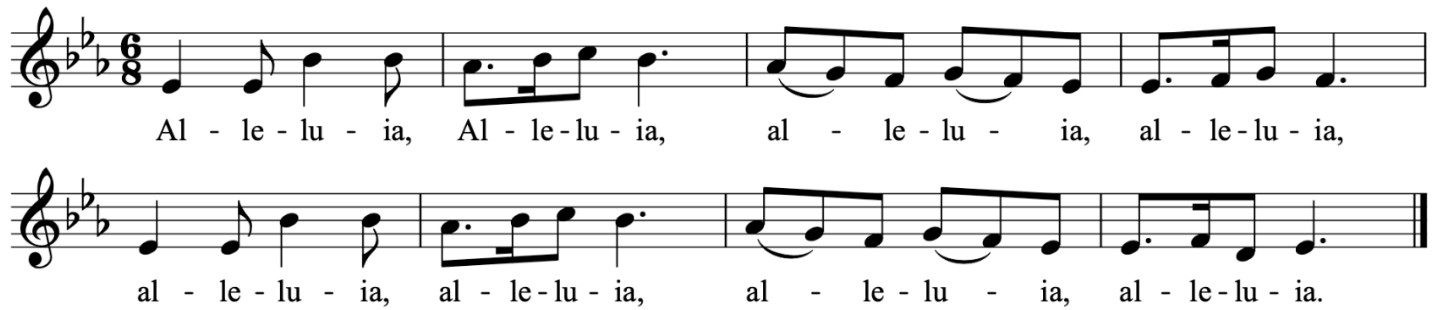
***All* It is good to live in peace and harmony.**

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All It is good to live in peace and harmony.

Please stand.
Malcolm Archer

Gospel Music



The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ as told by Matthew.

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

Reader From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." But he didn't respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us." Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel." But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me." He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table." Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

Reader The Good News of Christ. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand.

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the**

Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please adopt a posture of prayer.

Leader In peace let us pray together, saying "God of love, hear our prayer."
God of love,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Holy God, you have heard our prayers. Now give us grace to work for those things we have asked of you, and answer our prayers in the way that you know is best for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

Confession

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God's love and mercy are limitless. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

***All* Loving God, we know that we have done wrong. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in love always. Amen.**

Presider Truly God's love and mercy are limitless. Know that you are forgiven, and Christ will help you to follow his ways. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand.

Peace The peace of Christ be always with you!

Proclaimer

***People* And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

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

Donate to St. James Cathedral
by scanning the QR code or visit
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/



Offertory Hymn

Tune: The Ash Grove

All Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love's banners are o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

God's law still enforces the stars in their courses
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

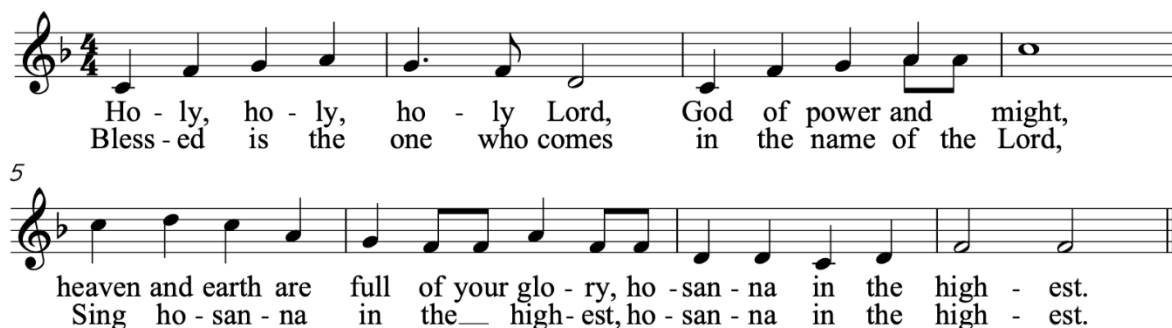
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right that we should give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and has opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and in heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All



Presider Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

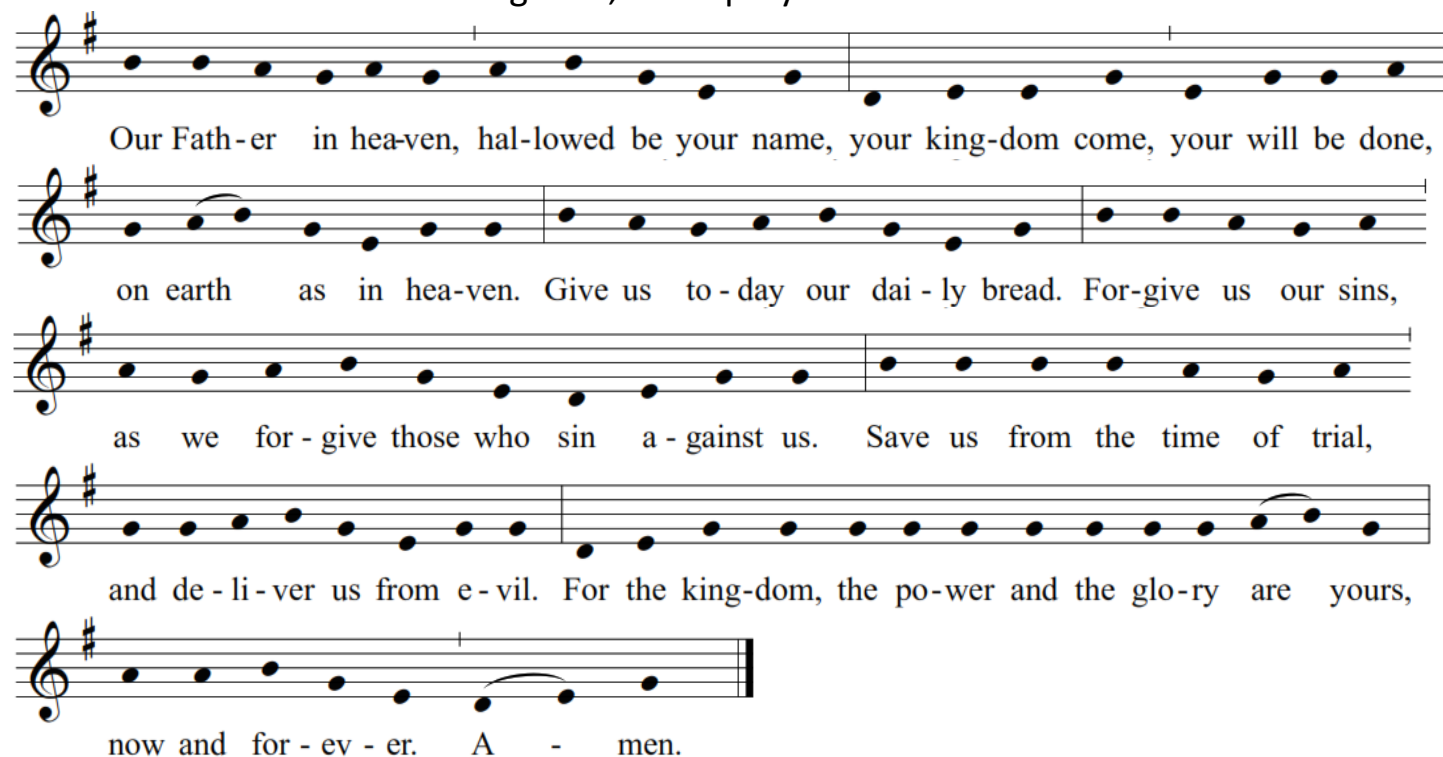
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

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,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

You are invited to receive communion or a blessing. To receive communion, hold your hands out as you approach the server. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, let the priest know. You may either sip from the chalice of wine or pause in prayer in front of it; dipping the wafer in the wine is not permitted for health reasons. You may also receive at the Lady Chapel (at the front of the right aisle). Gluten-free hosts are available there upon request.

Communion Music

Tune: Je Louerai L'Éternel

Choir Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
Je raconterai toutes tes merveilles, je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
Je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alleluia!

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O, God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O, God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O, God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

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Communion Hymn

All Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Oh! Prends-moi tel que je suis;
fais-moi vivre que pour toi.
Viens, mets ton sceau sur mon cœur; viens vivre en moi.

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.
Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled
with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name
of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

All Go confidently from this place,
Surrounded by God's love and grace;
A love that cannot let you go,
A grace that only God bestows.

Go from this place with gratitude,
For thankful hearts give God the due
For life, for love, for all good things,
For all that makes the soul to sing.

Walk peacefully with God today,
Be still within your heart and pray;
Be quick to listen, slow to speak,
For God exalts the poor and meek.

Be joyful as you leave this place,
For God alone gives hope to face
That foe, that fear which undermines
The joy which life in Christ enshrines.

Now go today with certainty,
God's words ring through eternity:
"Know I am yours, and you are mine,
From now until the end of time."

Dismissal

Sender Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Snell Hall after the service.

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:

*The Church in Wales, Alongside Hope (formerly Primate's World Relief and Development Fund)
and administrative managers and staff*

PASTORAL CARE

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team,
please email pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca or call 416-364-7865, press 1 to leave a message.

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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

☼ What's On ☼

August 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 give thanks for The Rev. Matthew Waterman's faithful ministry at St. James Cathedral.

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

Farewell Gift: You may e-transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca, 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 5 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

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

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

Join us for a 30-minute family friendly service with the Children's Choir Campers followed by a fun fair from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Backpack blessings also offered at 9:00am and 11:00am services.

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 19 from 9:30am-10:30am • Join our Free Children's Community Choir

We are inviting all children ages 8–16 to join our Community Choir on Saturdays. Choral music, singing techniques, musical literacy, and more! Details: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

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

☼ What's Needed ☼

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

Many roles available. Interested? Contact Ursula Tsoi, Ops. Mgr., at utsoi@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.

The Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts is away on vacation from August 17 to September 3.

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 23 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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. **Details:** 416-964-9194, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca or stjamescemetery.ca