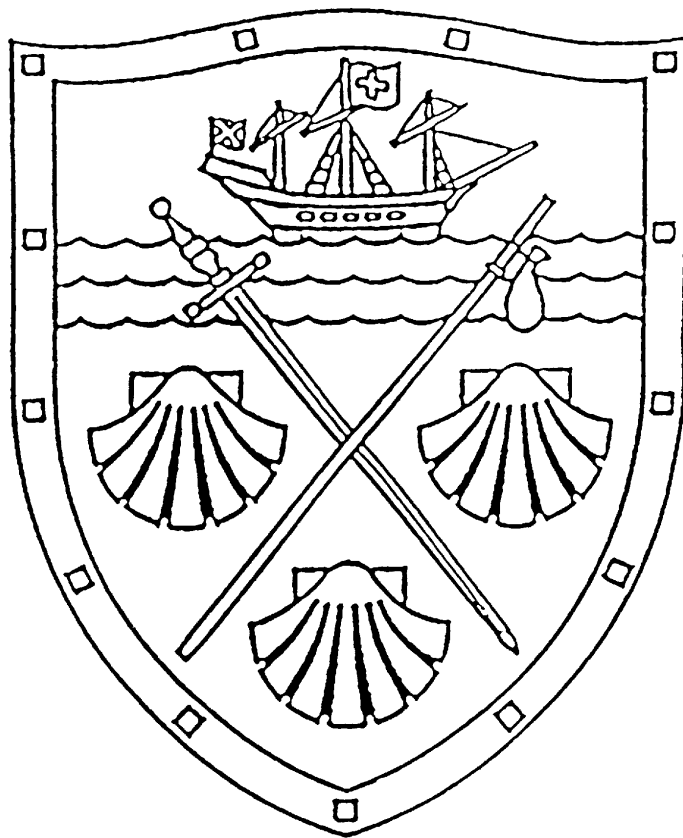




The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

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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Children & Families

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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
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Coffee Hour

Join us in Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Lynn Braye

Anointer: David Grant • Sub-Deacon: Paul Seddon

First Reader: Richard Harrop • Second Reader: Wairimu Nduati

Intercessor: Christoph Pike • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT

*Communion Ministers: Paul Seddon, Stanley Baptiste, Wairimu Nduati,
Yvonne Odhomi and Brainerd Blyden-Taylor*

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by Choir of St. James Cathedral

Bells rung by the St. James' Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers

The flowers are given to the glory of God,

*and in thanksgiving of the Wedding Anniversary of
Jeannette Zingg & Marshall Pynkoski.*

*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 during the service.

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis by Andrea Gabrieli

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

Tune: Lobe Den Herren

All

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
 Let the Amen
 sound from his people again:
 gladly for aye we adore him.

Text: Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; Music: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665, alt.; desc. Craig Sellar Lang;

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
 of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no
 secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy
 Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy
 holy name; through Christ our Lord.**

Kyrie Eleison

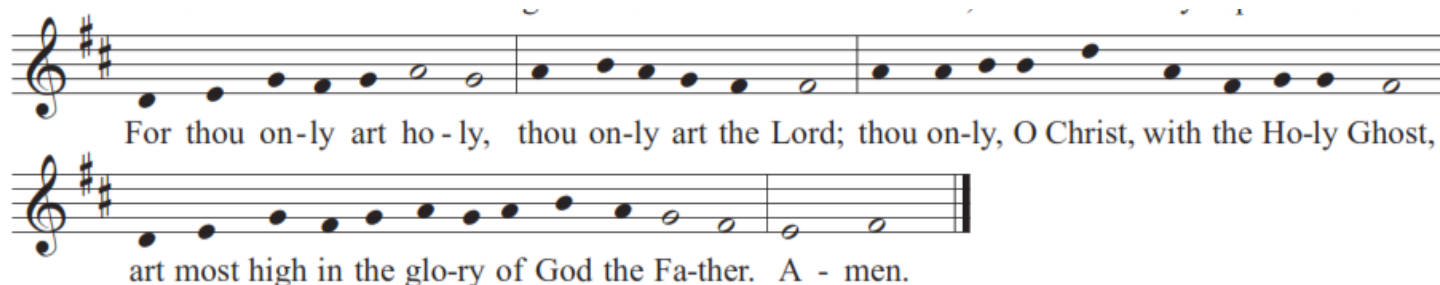
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Gloria

Merbecke

<i>Presider</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Merbecke</i>
Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all. We praise thee,		
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee		
for thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav-en - ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty,		
O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,		
Son of the Fa - ther, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.		



Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our 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

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and

allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

Choir If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;
If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
Then would they have swallowed us alive
when their anger burned against us;
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over our soul;
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

But blessed be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we are delivered.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gregory Murray

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

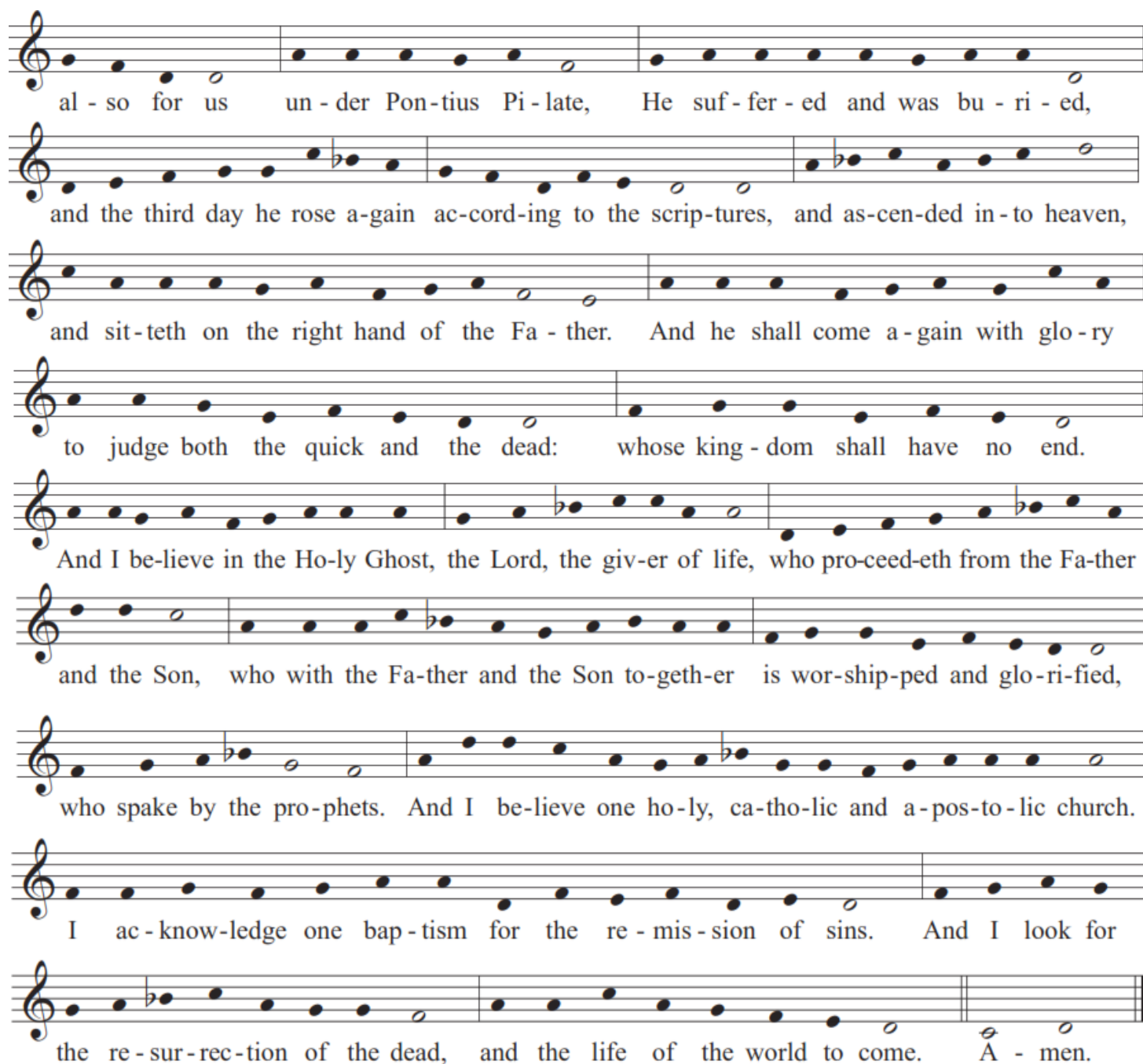
Homily

The Nicene Creed

Merbecke

Presider *All* *Merbecke*

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
 and of all things vi-si-ble and in-vi-si-ble; and in one Lord Je-sus Christ,
 the on-ly be-got-ten Son of God, be-got-ten of the Fa-ther be-fore all worlds,
 God of God; Light of Light; ve-ry God of ve-ry God, be-got-ten, not made;
 be-ing of one sub-stance with the Fa-ther, through whom all things were made:
 who for us and for our sal-va-tion came down from heaven, and was in-car-nate
 by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man, and was cru-ci-fied



al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed,
 and the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the scrip - tures, and as - cen - ded in - to heaven,
 and sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther. And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry
 to judge both the quick and the dead: whose king - dom shall have no end.
 And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther
 and the Son, who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fied,
 who spake by the pro - phets. And I be - lieve one ho - ly, ca - tho - lic and a - pos - to - lic church.
 I ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins. And I look for
 the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men.

The Prayers of the People

Presider In peace, let us pray saying, "Lord, graciously hear us."

Silence

Leader For peace from on high and for our salvation and for the unity of all. Lord hear us,

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Grant these our prayers O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives

People and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All Almighty God,
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:
We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which
we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word
and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are
heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is
past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in
newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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: Richmond

All

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care,
be turned into song;
and every winding of the way
the echo shall prolong.

So shall no part of day or night
Unblest or common be,
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with thee.

Text: Horatius N. Bonar
Music: Melody Thomas Haweis; harm. Samuel Webbe, the elder

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and
increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

For thou art the fountain of light and life for all thy creation: thou hast made us in thine own image, and dost raise us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

People **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Presider And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

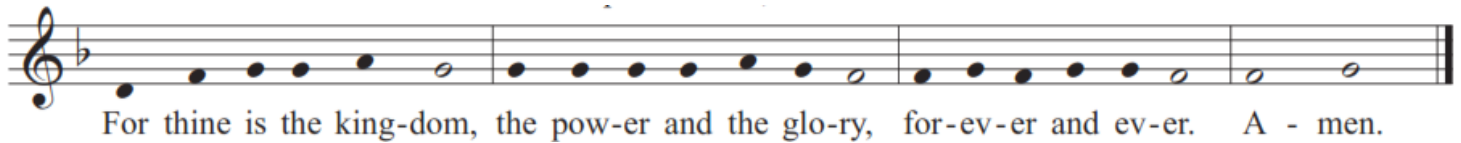
Merbecke

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider *All*



Our Fa-ther; who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
 And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.
 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.



The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

- *All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing (indicated 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

Tune: Rockingham

All My God, and is thy table spread,
 and doth thy cup with love o'er flow?
 Thither be all thy children led,
 and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast which Jesus makes,
 rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
 Thrice happy he who here partakes
 that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its bounties all in vain
 before unwilling hearts displayed?
 Was not for them the Victim slain?
 Are they forbid the children's bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Philip Doddridge; Melody Tunbridge adapted by Edward Miller

Motet
Choir

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Presider

Glory to God,

People

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 The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Laudate Dominum

All

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Text: Ps. 150; para. Henry Williams Baker, alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry;

Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that God loves.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Fantasie

Charles Racquet

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
The Church of the Province of West Africa; Our Companion Diocese of Brasilia – Bishop Mauricio
Andrade and the York Group*

PASTORAL CARE

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

☀ What's On ☀

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

We give thanks for the Rev. Matthew Waterman's ministry at St. James Cathedral and keep him in our prayers as he begins his ministry at St. Stephen's Downsvue Church on Sept. 1, 2026.

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

Farewell Gift: E-transfer it to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca, include it in the offering or drop it off at 65 Church St. (specify Rev. Matthew). This contributions are non-receiptable.

☀ What's Next ☀

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

Contact Ursula Tsoi, Operations Manager at utsoi@stjamescathedral.ca

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

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

Monthly Family Fun Nights & Sunday School - Call for Volunteers

Get in touch with Karyne Whalen, Children's Minister at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

☼ Vestry ☼

October 25 after the 10:30am service • Vestry Meeting 2026

Sunday services: This Sunday only, our services will be held at 8:00am, 10:30am, and 4:30pm. The 10:30am service will be followed by Vestry Meeting, chaired by Dean Stephen Hance.

Nominating Committee: Bill Benson and George McNeillie will co-chair this year's Nominating Committee and more information on open positions and nominations will follow soon.

This week at St. James

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

The Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts is away on vacation until September 3.

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

Drop-In: Fridays 1:30pm-3:30pm. Details: 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 30 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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.

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.

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