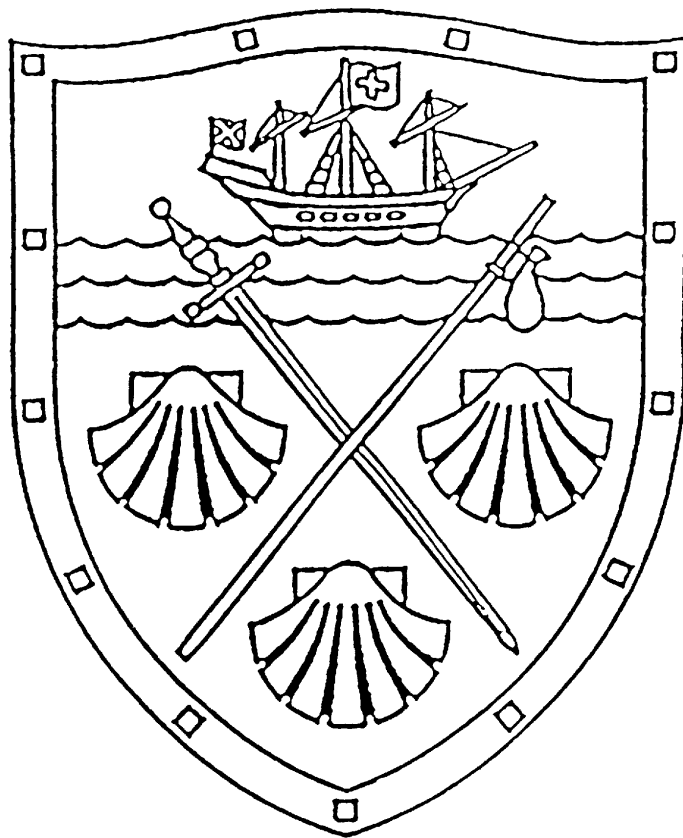




The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 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 rather to either 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 services.

Parking

There is 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 Geoffrey Sangwine

Lector: Susan Boucaud

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
Paul Gorforth Jeffrey and Jane Jeffrey, Stephen Jeffrey and Robin Robarts,
Dr. Liss Jeffrey and John Paul Jeffrey.*

*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 Alleluia

Thomas Bell

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 114

Chant: Tonus Peregrinus

Choir When Israel came out of Egypt,
 the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
Judah became his sanctuary,
 Israel his dominion.
The sea saw that, and fled;
 Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
 the little hills like young sheep.
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
 O Jordan, that you were driven back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams,
 you little hills like young sheep?
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water,
 the flint-stone into a springing well.

Psalm 115

Chant by G. H. Knight

Choir

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory,
for the sake of your loving mercy and truth.
Why should the nations say,
‘Where is now their God?’
As for our God, he is in heaven;
he does whatever he pleases.
Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but cannot speak;
eyes have they, but cannot see;
They have ears, but cannot hear;
noses have they, but cannot smell;
They have hands, but cannot feel; feet have they, but cannot walk;
not a whisper do they make from their throats.
Those who make them shall become like them
and so will all who put their trust in them.
But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
House of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us;
may he bless the house of Israel; may he bless the house of Aaron;
May he bless those who fear the Lord,
both small and great together.
May the Lord increase you more and more,
you and your children after you.
May you be blest by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The heavens are the heavens of the Lord,
but the earth he has entrusted to his children.
The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor those gone down into silence;
But we will bless the Lord,
from this time forth for evermore.
Alleluia.

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

1 Kings 8:22-41

Reader

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

‘But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

‘If someone sins against a neighbour and is given an oath to swear, and comes and swears before your altar in this house, then hear in heaven, and act, and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing their conduct on their own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding them according to their righteousness.

‘When your people Israel, having sinned against you, are defeated before an enemy but turn again to you, confess your name, pray, and plead with you in this house, then hear in heaven, forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land that you gave to their ancestors.

‘When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and then they pray towards this place, confess your name, and turn from their sin, because you punish them, then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them

the good way in which they should walk; and grant rain on your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.

‘If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blight, mildew, locust, or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in any of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there is; whatever prayer, whatever plea there is from any individual or from all your people Israel, all knowing the afflictions of their own hearts so that they stretch out their hands towards this house; then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, forgive, act, and render to all whose hearts you know—according to all their ways, for only you know what is in every human heart—so that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our ancestors. ‘Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

The ‘Schuil’ Service by Oliver Tarney

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

Matthew 5:1-12

Reader

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The 'Schuil' Service by Oliver Tarney

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

Author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the true love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns 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***Te Lucis Ante Terminum**

Te lucis ante terminum,
Rerum Creator, poscimus,
Ut pro tua clementia
Sis praesul et custodia.

Procul recedant somnia,
Et noctium phantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime,
Ne polluantur corpora.

Praesta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum.

arr. Matthew Martin

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with Thy wonted favour, Thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.*

Homily

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

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**Hymn at the Collection***All*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

Tune: Üttingen (Was Lebet)

These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell; Music: Melody Choral-buch vor Johann Heinrich Rheinhardt, Üttingen, 1754; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Offertory Prayer

Officiant 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 Church in the Province of the West Indies; the Bishop's Youth Ministry Committee
and the Education for Ministry*

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 30, 2026

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

Rev. Matthew's farewell: Join us today for coffee and cake after 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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

Message from The Rev. Matthew Waterman



Thank you St. James for being my church home and my church family for the last nearly 3 years! I have felt welcomed, supported, and respected from the first time I set foot within these doors until now. Thank you for walking alongside me as I grew into my vocation and ministry, and for celebrating milestones in my life such as my ordination to the priesthood and marriage to The Rev. Carol Shih. I will miss each of you dearly and my prayers are with you for the days ahead.

☀ What's On ☀

September 5 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-min family-friendly service with the Children's Choir Campers followed by a fun fair from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Backpack blessings are also offered at 9:00am & 11:00am services.

September 6, 8, 13, 20 & 22 • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

Join us in the Cathedral at 1:00pm (Sep. 6, 13 & 20) and at 2:00pm (Sep. 8 & 22). 40-min tours.

☀ What's Next ☀

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 Kairos Blanket Exercise exploring Indigenous history. Free event. RSVP: 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 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 - Theme: Welcome Back! Kickoff BBQ

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

Support our Drop-In meal program. Prizes, entertainment, and silent auction. Team table \$320 (8 players) & Individual \$40. **Get your tickets (game + meal):** stjamescathedral.ca/trivianight

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Team table: \$320 (8 players)

Individual: \$40

THE 2ND ANNUAL

"Food for Thought"

TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser

PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL
DROP-IN MEAL PROGRAM

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 6:00 pm

**St. James Cathedral Centre
65 Church Street, Toronto**

Master of Ceremonies: Sarah-Jayne Riley, Indie-Pop musician

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☼ What's Needed ☼

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

Get in touch with Ursula Tsoi, Operations Manager at utsoi@stjamescathedral.ca

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

Get in touch with Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

Sunday School & Monthly Family Fun Nights - Call for Volunteers

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

☼ Vestry ☼

Sunday, October 25 • Annual Vestry Meeting

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 the 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.

Sunday, September 13 • Town Hall Meetings: If you would like information about the nominating process for Vestry Elections, you are invited to attend one of two Town Hall meetings after the 9:00am or 11:00am coffee hour. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2026

This week at St. James

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: September 6 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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.

St. James Cemetery & Crematorium - 635 Parliament Street, Toronto

Monthly Eucharist: First Wednesday at 11:00am. Offering cremation and burial services.

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