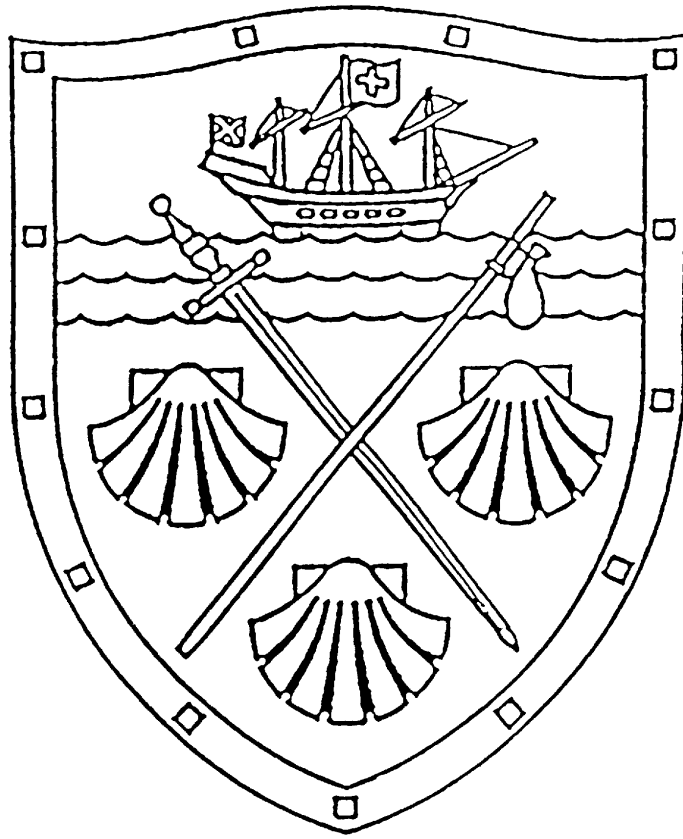




The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 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.
Please see the leaflets at the back of the Cathedral or
online at stjamescathedral.ca/contact for more information.

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*As this is a very public and open space, please be aware of your personal belongings.
Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Greg Carpenter

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Lector: William Cowling

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
Calvin Elias David & Josephine Beatrice David.*

*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 A Fancy

Thomas Tomkins

Opening Sentence

Please stand when the organ plays.

Introit **O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem**

Thomas Tomkins

Choir
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within they walls:
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Welcome

Preces and Responses

Thomas Tomkins

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 29

Chant by Orlando Gibbons

Choir
Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf

and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 46

Chant by Orlando Gibbons

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

1 Kings 8:54-62

Reader Now when Solomon finished offering all this prayer and this plea to the Lord, he arose from facing the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched towards heaven; he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice:

‘Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors. Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Therefore devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.’

Reader Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the Lord.
Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Fifth Service by Thomas Tomkins

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

Hebrews 10:19-25

Reader Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Fifth Service by Thomas Tomkins

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

Lord God, who heard the cry of thy people and sent thy servant Moses to lead them out of slavery; free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of the Spirit bring us to our promised land. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth 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 Sing Unto the Lord a New Song*Thomas Tomkins**Choir*

O sing unto the Lord a new son;
let the congregation of saints sing praise unto him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him and let the children of Sion forever
sing
Alleluia.

Homily

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

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by scanning the QR code or visiting
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/

**Hymn at the Collection**

Tune: Song 34

All

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue,
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day;

for thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Melody and bass Orlando Gibbons; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Offertory Prayer*Vicar*

Let us pray.

God of mercy, accept all we offer you this day. Increase our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your love. May these offerings be used to support your church in the spread of the gospel and may our lives be spent in the pursuit of peace and justice in the world. In Christ we pray.

People

Amen.

Prayers

Evening Respond

Officiant



In - to thy hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

All



In - to thy hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

Officiant



Thou hast re - deem - ed me, O Lord, thou God of truth. I com - mend my spi - rit.

All



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, And to the Ho - ly Ghost.

All



In - to thy hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spi - rit.

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.**

Postlude

A note about Today's Music

Thomas Tomkins (1572 - 1656), the composer of much of this evening's service, experienced much of the political intrigue of the early 17th century and ensuing violence and destruction of the English civil war. One of the most important church musicians of his time, his musical compositions soothed troubled souls during those turbulent years, as we trust it will today.

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
The Church of the Province of Central Africa; North Peel Deanery,
and the St. James and Community Refugee Committee*

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, October 25, 2026

Services: 8:00am, **10:30am**, followed by the Annual Vestry Meeting in Snell Hall, and 4:30pm.

Guest Preacher: At 10:30am, The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, 14th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland (2008-2024) and now Assistant Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

Daylight Saving Time Ends: Clocks turn back one hour on Sunday, November 1.

☀ Vestry ☀

Vestry is our Annual General Meeting. We review the past year, approve the budget, share our vision, and elect lay leaders. Light lunch will be served.

Vestry Documents: Available at stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2026 (Draft Agenda, Budget, Audited Financial Statements, Vestry Slate and Official Bios).

☀ What's On ☀

November 1 at 8:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am • All Saints' Day Services

Celebrate All Saints' Day with us during all our morning services. All are welcome.

November 1 at 4:30pm • *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré sung by Candlelight

Join us for Choral Vespers on the Eve of All Souls' Day as we remember our loved ones and all the faithful departed through Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, sung by the Cathedral Choir with orchestral accompaniment.

November 2 • All Souls' Day at St. James Cemetery & Cathedral

Holy Eucharist at 11:00am (Cemetery) and 12:15pm (Cathedral) in remembrance of our loved ones and all the faithful departed. To include a name for prayers, email sli@stjamescathedral.ca by today, or add names of the departed to the binder in the Narthex.

November 5 at 1:00pm • Early Music Concert at St. George's Chapel

John Dowland Celebration for Two Lutes featuring Lucas Harris and Jonathan Stuchbery.

November 7 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

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

☀ What's Next ☀

November 8 • Remembrance Sunday Services - St. James Cathedral

10:15am: Remembrance observance at the Memorial Cross.

11:00am: Choral Eucharist Service and Parade, joined by the Royal Regiment of Canada members.

1:00pm-3:00pm: The Governor General's Horse Guards' Remembrance Day Service.

November 11 • Remembrance Day Service - St. James Cemetery

10:00am: Commemorative Service at the Chapel of St. James-the-Less.

11:00am: Remembrance Ceremony, followed by a procession to the St. George's burial grounds, where The Vicar, The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine will lay a wreath in honour of the fallen.

November 15 at 1:00pm • York Group AGM

Following the 11:00am coffee hour. Guest speaker: The Vicar, The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome. To RSVP, email info@stjamescathedral.ca

November 17 at 7:30pm • Jeremy Begbie Lecture in Snell Hall

Hear from renowned theologian, teacher, speaker, and musician Jeremy Begbie on *Why should the arts matter to people of faith?* Presented with Trinity College's Faculty of Divinity through the Reimagining Contemporary Ministries Initiative. **Learn more and register:** www.trinity.utoronto.ca/event/jeremy-begbie-workshop-and-lecture-series-2026

Ongoing Ministries

Visit the Cathedral: Monday to Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Visit the Cathedral Centre: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 8:30am in our Zoom Chapel and streaming on YouTube. Saturday is available on YouTube only. stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

Holy Eucharist: Monday to Saturday at 12:15pm in St. George's Chapel.

Scripture Circle: Wednesdays at 11:00am in Cathedral Centre.

Young Adults Group: Regular gatherings for community, Bible study, food, and more.

For details, contact Lay Pastoral Associate Maddy at mmacgregor@stjamescathedral.ca

Organ Recitals: Tuesdays at 1:00pm. This week, we welcome Joshua Duncan Lee, organist and Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar at St. James Cathedral. stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals

Cathedral Choir: Weekly rehearsals. stjamescathedral.ca/worship/music

Children's Choir: Rehearsals on Saturdays at 9:30am. stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

Change Ringers Guild: Weekly rehearsals. stjamescathedral.ca/worship/change-ringers

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

Cathedral Tours: Nov. 5 at 10:30am, Nov. 7, 15, 21, 29 at 1:00pm, Nov. 10, 17 at 2:00pm.

St. James Cathedral Sunday Services

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: November 1 - All Saints' Day

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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 visit stjamescemetery.ca

GABRIEL FAURÉ'S
REQUIEM
by Candlelight

THE CHOIR
OF ST. JAMES
CATHEDRAL
AND
ORCHESTRA

Thomas Bell, *Conductor*

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1,
2026

4:30 P.M.

Admission Free
Donations Welcome

Join us as we remember and give thanks
for those who have departed.

G.F. HANDEL

Messiah

THE CHOIR OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
WITH THE CHAPEL CHOIR OF TRINITY COLLEGE, UofT
AND ORCHESTRA



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026
7:30 P.M.

Thomas Bell, Conductor
Maeve Palmer, Soprano
Sarah Mole, Alto
Bud Roach, Tenor
Dion Mazerolle, Baritone

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(OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 1)
Regular: \$53
(FROM NOVEMBER 2)

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Patron package: \$150 (1 ticket, reserved seating, name in the program, wine and cheese reception from 6:00pm-7:00pm, including a meet-and-greet with the performers and a charitable tax receipt of \$75 issued in January).

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/messiah2026