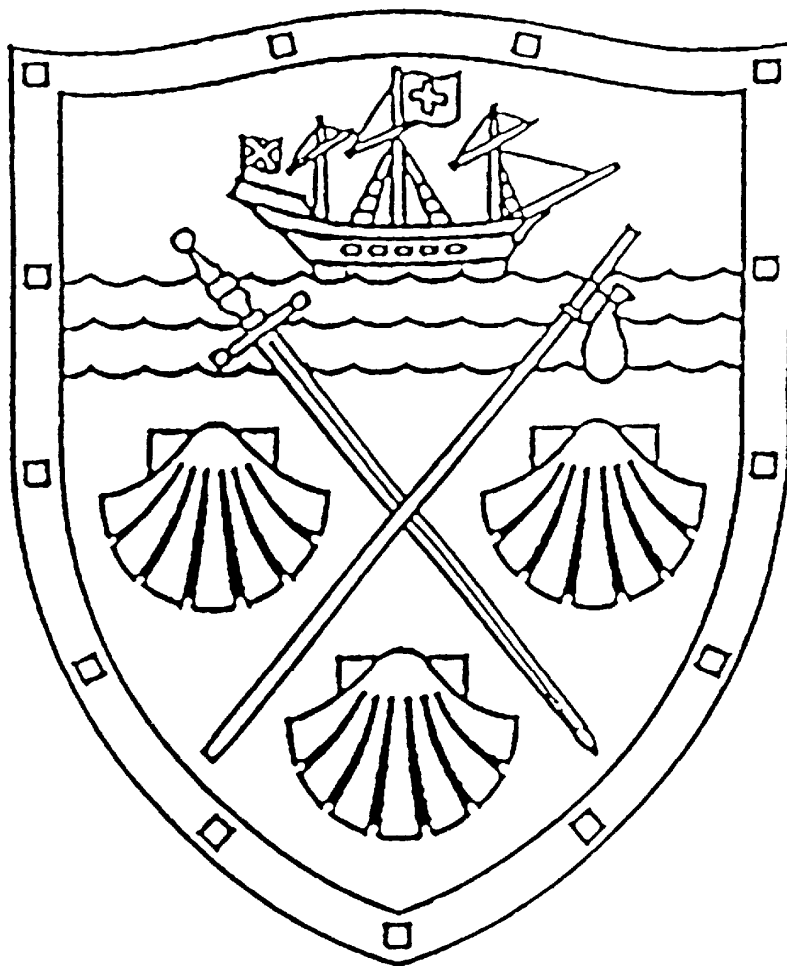


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms

March 28, 2021
Holy Eucharist at 9:00am



The Cathedral Church of St. James
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Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, 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.

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A Wheelchair Accessible 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

In-person Coffee Hour is cancelled but join us for Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom each Sunday
at **12:30pm (please note new meeting time)!** If you have not already registered to attend, send
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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

*Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning.
Please ensure that cell phones are turned off.*

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.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

- ***Masks must be worn at all times.***
- ***Please maintain physical distancing at all times from those who are not part of your family bubble.***
- ***Due to the pandemic, congregational singing is not permitted. Please do not sing.***
- ***Please do not use handheld fans or fan yourself with your leaflet.***
- ***Water coolers are not available, but seek a sidesperson if water becomes a must.***
- ***Only the washroom through the pulpit door is available. Please open the pulpit door with the automatic switch, using your elbow.***
- ***Offering plates will not be used but offering boxes are located at the back of the Cathedral and at the Mid-West exit.***

Prelude Prelude in G BWV 541

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

The Liturgy of the Palms

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Palms

John 12: 12-16

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Gospeller The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Blessing of the Palms

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying, “Hosanna in the highest.” Bless and sanctify these branches and crosses of palm, O Lord. May we who carry them go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn – CP 181

All Glory, Laud, and Honour

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, tr. John Mason Neale, alt.;

Music: Melody Melchior Teschner;

harm. William Henry Monk; Tune: St. Theodulph

Cantor *All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.
*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Please remain seated.* *Psalm 31: 9-16*

One Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

All **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

One I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

All **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

One For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

All **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, “You are my God.**

One My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

All **Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

The Second Reading *Philippians 2: 5-11*

Reader Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand, as you are able.*

Cantor Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.
Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

Mark 15: 1-39

Please refer to the Gospel Insert.

Homily

The Prayers of the People

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider Most merciful God,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

We offer each other a sign of peace, without any physical contact.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

- *When coming forward to receive communion, please follow the directions of the sidespeople.*
- *Please maintain physical distancing when coming forward for the sacrament.*
- **Stop** at the final yellow circle and wait for the priest to say the words of administration.
- **Then step forward** and the priest will drop the host on your palm.
- **Move all the way** to the marked spot on the left or right and release one side of your mask.
- *Consume the sacrament, replace the mask loop and sanitize your hands.*
- **Please return to your seat using the side aisles.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn – CP 184

Text: Samuel Crossman, alt; Music: John N. Ireland;

My Song is Love Unknown

Tune: Love Unknown

Cantor My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be,
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy.

People **Amen.**

Thanksgiving & Consecration

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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Agnus Dei

Cantor Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Motet What Wondrous Love is This

arr. Christina Harmon

Cantor What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss,
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family for whom Our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Presider May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, now and always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn – CP 182

Text: Henry Hart Milman; Music: Melody *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690; Tune: Winchester New

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Cantor Ride on, ride on in majesty as all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry:
through waving branches slowly ride, O Saviour, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty, in lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumph now begin with captured death, and conquered sin!

Ride on, ride on in majesty the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty, in lowly pomp ride on to die:
bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, your power and reign!

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- ***Please exit the Cathedral promptly using the Mid-West door.***
- *On your way out, you may drop your leaflet in the recycling bin provided.*
- ***Maintain physical distancing as you exit and do not gather outside of the building.***
- *Weather and safety permitting, clergy will be available for a quick greeting on the lawn following this service. During this time on the lawn, we ask you to continue wearing your mask, and maintain proper physical distance from others.*
- *If you haven't already done so, please drop your offering or envelope in the box by the Mid-West door.*

Postlude The Crown of Thorns

Thomas Bell

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Homilist: The Reverend Pearce J. Carefoote

Reader & Intercessor: Jacqueline Gibbons

Pastoral Associate: Claire Latimer-Dennis

Stewards: Robert Gilbert & Elizabeth Hartman

Music Director & Organist: Thomas Bell

Cantor: Michael Rogers

Lockdown can be a lonely experience for many members of the Cathedral. Not only does it take away the opportunity for in-person worship, it adds the burdens of isolation and disconnectedness to so many who live alone. If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with Canon Beth Benson at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca. Thank you.

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SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Join us for **Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom each Sunday at 12:30pm!** If you have not already registered to attend, send an email to Lisa at lscapillato@stjamescathedral.ca by Friday at noon and you will receive the link each Sunday to join Coffee Hour following the liturgy. Bring along your favourite coffee, tea, or other refreshment!

LENT, PRETZELS, AND HOLY WEEK: A WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

TODAY! On Palm Sunday, **March 28 at 2:00pm**, youth (ages around 9-15) are invited to join a pretzel-making workshop over Zoom! We'll make up a batch of pretzels, talk about their (possible) Christian origins, and do a little Church history about Lent and Holy Week. You can register by sending Claire an email at clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca. She will send out a list of materials to have on hand ahead of time when you do.

ORGAN RECITALS

St. James Cathedral has presented lunchtime organ recitals on Tuesdays for many years. We are delighted that these concerts have resumed virtually and will take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. The concerts will be presented via [Facebook live](#), allowing everyone to have an excellent view of the instrument and performer. **The next recital takes place on April 6 and features Aaron James** (Holy Family Roman Catholic Church and University of Toronto).

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

All are invited to join in a one-hour discussion of Sunday's sermon and its related themes every **Monday at 10:00am via Zoom**. The discussion group is led by one of our Honorary Assistants, The Reverend David Danner. If you would like to be added to the invitation list, please email Lisa at lscapillato@stjamescathedral.ca. A weekly invitation is sent to all who register.

VIRTUAL HYMN SING

Do you miss singing together at church? Please join us for our next Virtual Hymn Sing. The next session takes place **Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30pm**. We will use Zoom and sing from home. To receive a link, please email irenecourage105@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT THE CATHEDRAL

Virtual Morning Prayer can be viewed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel [here](#) or on the Cathedral's Facebook page [here](#). All other services listed below will be in-person, except as noted. Pre-registration is required on our [website](#). *Holy Week services and the 11:00am services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be live-streamed on the Diocesan Facebook page [here](#). You don't need an account to watch, but Facebook may prompt you to log in or create an account. Click the "[Not Now](#)" option.

Today: Palm Sunday: March 28

Readings & Carols for Holy Week: pre-recorded service available for viewing on [YouTube](#)

Stations of the Cross: pre-recorded video available for viewing on [YouTube](#)

Holy Monday: March 29

8:00am: Virtual Morning Prayer on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

Holy Tuesday: March 30

8:00am: Virtual Morning Prayer on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

*10:30am: (live-streamed only [here](#))

Chrism Mass: Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion; Blessing of Oils; Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows

Holy Wednesday: March 31

8:00am: Virtual Morning Prayer on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

7:30pm: Virtual Compline on [Facebook](#)

Easter Week: Holy Eucharist will be offered April 6 – 8, at 12:30pm. You may choose to make your Easter Communion at this time. *Pre-registration to attend will be required and will be available on our [website](#) on March 31.*

Maundy Thursday: April 1

8:00am: Virtual Morning Prayer on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

*7:00pm: (also live-streamed)

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion; Stripping of the Altar

Pre-registration to attend the Maundy Thursday service is required and is available on our [website](#).

Good Friday: April 2

*12noon: (also live-streamed)

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Pre-registration to attend the Good Friday service is required and is available on our [website](#).

Holy Saturday: April 3

*9:00pm: (also live-streamed)

The Great Vigil of Easter in the Holy Night

Pre-registration to attend the Easter Vigil is required and is available on our [website](#).

Easter Day: April 4

8:00am: Holy Eucharist

9:00am: Holy Eucharist

*11:00am: (also live-streamed)

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

1:30pm: Mandarin Ministry service

4:00pm: Holy Eucharist

Pre-registration to attend Easter Sunday services is required and opens on March 29 on our [website](#).

For the most up-to-date information, please continue to visit our [website](#).

JOYFUL GIVING

During this Lenten season, we are asking you to consider your support of St. James, its mission and its outreach work. In order to assist the Dean and the Wardens in planning priorities and exploring opportunities for growth for the coming year, we are asking all parishioners to provide an estimate of their annual offerings.

A heartfelt **Thank You** to everyone who has responded to our *Joyful Giving* mailing. Your church deeply appreciates your thoughtfulness and generosity.

If you have not yet returned your Giving Card, please take the time to reflect on the request. It is very important to the ongoing life of St. James and we are grateful for your consideration. Thank you.

Edwin Hawken, a long-time parishioner, reflects on his relationship with St. James:

“I first attended a service at the Cathedral almost 50 years ago after being transferred to Toronto from Vancouver, B.C in 1971. I was drawn to St James by its history as a Cathedral and parish church dating back to the late 18th century and, as well, by its commitment to liturgical & music excellence. I have continued to worship and attend at the Cathedral ever since. Over the intervening years I have been privileged to serve the Cathedral in many different capacities including as a Church Warden under Deans Abraham & Stoute.

I urge you to please join me in supporting the *Joyful Giving* Initiative to benefit the Cathedral’s Mission.”

God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. 2 Corinthians 9:8

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:

*Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui;
the outreach ministries of St. Anne, Toronto;
St. Athanasius, Orilia;
and St. Augustine of Canterbury;
and the York Group.*

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