

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of Emancipation Sunday



The Cathedral Church of Saint George

26 July 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St George's Cathedral

We are so glad you're here! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here! Please join us in the entryway for a time of fellowship after the service. Sunday School is on holiday this Sunday; however, children and a grown up may take themselves to the library if you desire a quiet space with activities. You may follow along with the service online (www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/worship). We are thrilled you have decided to worship with us!

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.

About Emancipation Sunday

Emancipation Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday in July in the Anglican Church of Canada, as formally designated by the General Synod in June 2025. Emancipation Sunday commemorates the coming into effect of the *Slavery Abolition Act* on August 1, 1834 – Emancipation Day – freeing approximately 800,000 enslaved people in British colonies, including Canada.

For more than 180 years, Black communities across Canada have celebrated Emancipation Day with church services, parades, outdoor festivities, protests, speeches, entertainment and more, taking the opportunity for reflection on the struggle for freedom and justice, past and present. By designating an Emancipation Sunday, the General Synod invites Anglicans in Canada to join in that celebration and to support initiatives that address anti-Black racism within our ecclesial structures and in society at large.

Leading the Service

<i>Preacher</i>	Captain the Reverend Claire Bramma, <i>Chaplain, Royal Military College</i>
<i>Presider</i>	The Very Reverend Douglas Michael, <i>Dean</i>
<i>Organist</i>	Brad Barbeau, <i>Director of Music</i>

Assisting with the Service

<i>Reader</i>	Ruth Oliver	<i>Intercessor</i>	Jane Kirkpatrick
<i>Servers</i>	Derek Falkner & Gerald Courage	<i>Vesper</i>	Jane Kirkpatrick
<i>Lay Ministers</i>	Jim Anderson	<i>Sidespeople</i>	Heather Buchan &
<i>Livestream</i>	Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin		Brian Hinchey

Summer @ St George's

OUTDOOR CONCERTS: Saturday's, 12-1pm

SELF-GUIDED TOURS: Saturday's, 11am-3pm

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

The people stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Opening Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able



All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Michael
Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Robert Seymour Bridges 1844-1930
Based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*
by Joachim Neander 1650-80

The people remain standing for the Land Acknowledgment and are seated for the Notices.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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 also with you.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People

You come to your people and set them free.

Celebrant

People

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis | Said by all.

Celebrant

People

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

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

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

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant

God of memory and promise, you brought your people from wandering to home, from oppression to freedom, from fear to thanksgiving: receive our remembrance of sorrow endured, and joy hard-won. Turn our mourning into songs of hope, strengthen us to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and sustain us as we wait for the fullness of your redemption, until all creation is restored and your justice is made complete; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

The people are seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Lesson | Isaiah 58:6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 7-13 | The people repeat the refrain as indicated.

Refrain: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **Refrain**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky. **Refrain**

The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps. **Refrain**

The Second Lesson | 2 Corinthians 5: 16-20

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able



Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

New Britain (Amazing Grace)
American Folk Tune

John Newton 1725-1807

The Holy Gospel | John 8: 31-36

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.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by

saying, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the Preacher

The Sermon | Captain the Reverend Claire Bramma

Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant
People

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The people may stand, sit, or kneel as preferred.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, God our creator made us all in the Divine Image,
and calls us to love one another as God loves us.
Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

People Almighty God,
We confess that we have failed to honour you in the great diversity of the human family. We desire to live in the freedom of your grace, but build walls between ourselves and others. We long to be known and accepted for who we are, but make judgements of others based on the colour of skin, the shape of features, and the varieties of human experience. We try to love our neighbours but fail to address the injustices of systems that benefit some and continue to enslave others. For the sake of Jesus who brought freedom to all, have mercy on us and free us by your forgiveness, giving us new eyes to see your glory in all people. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, restore you in God's own image, and strengthen you as beloved community for the ministry of reconciliation, united in God's own glorious created diversity, as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant Where there is justice,

People **There is peace.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.



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All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, or by visiting
www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/donate.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Slane
Irish Traditional Melody

Mary E. Byrne 1880-1931
Eleanor H. Hull 1860-1935

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant

Gracious God, we bring these gifts to your altar, symbols of our labour and love.
Bless them to build your kingdom of justice, where the oppressed find dignity,
where hearts and nations are reconciled; and where every soul is released to live in
your freedom. Transform our offerings, and we who give them, that we may be
instruments of your grace in this broken world. Through Christ, who is our peace,
we pray.

People

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; for you are the restorer of dignity and the author of reconciliation. You do not delight in empty worship, but in justice that sets the oppressed free, in mercy that heals the broken, and in righteousness that lifts up those cast down. When dignity was denied and lives were scarred by bondage and injustice, you remained steadfast in your promise to restore and renew your people. Through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself, not counting our trespasses against us, but entrusting to us the ministry of reconciliation. In him we are made a new creation, called to live in truth, and set free by a freedom no earthly power can give or take away. Therefore, with ancestors who endured and believed, with saints and martyrs who laboured for justice, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in praise and sing:

People

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.

The people are seated as the celebrant continues:

Celebrant

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.”

People

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant

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 sons and daughters; 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

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

God of justice, peace, and freedom, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of Christ, a foretaste of your Reign that is and is to come. Strengthen us to walk in the way of justice, to sow peace in a troubled world, and to proclaim freedom for all who are bound. May your Spirit guide us to live as witnesses of your love, until all creation is restored in Christ our Saviour.

People

Amen.

The people stand as able.

Celebrant

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

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

People

Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go forth in faith. Make no peace with oppression.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able



God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight till all be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not earth nor thee.

Cwm Rhondda

Welsh hymn melody, in J. Robert's *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969

Postlude

The postlude concludes our worship service, sending us forth into the week ahead. You may choose to remain seated for the duration or depart following the closing hymn.