

Congratulations to Carter and Sarah Derbyshire on their wedding that was held on Saturday, August 22. We wish them all the love and blessings as a community.



Cathedral News

August 30, 2026

This Sunday: Fourteenth after Pentecost
August 30, 2026 | 8am & 10:30am

PREACHER

Eric Friesen

PRESIDER

The Rev. Capt. Claire Bramma

READINGS

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

Next Sunday: Fifteenth after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 | 8am & 10:30am

PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. Reagan Gale

PRESIDER

The Rev. Canon Peter Case

READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119: 33-40
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Staffing Update from the Wardens

Our Office Administrator, Ann Wilkinson, has written to say that she has resigned effective **Friday, September 4, 2026**. She says that:

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have served the Cathedral community, the clergy, and the parish during my tenure. I deeply value the skills I have developed and the supportive relationships I have formed with the staff and congregation."

Ann has not only been a dedicated and committed member of our staff but also been the warm and welcoming person greeting all who pass by the office. We will miss her very much, but I know that the congregation joins Dean Doug and the Wardens in wishing her good health and every happiness as she begins this next chapter.

The Wardens will be hosting a farewell lunch for Ann on her last day but please consider stopping by the office with your personal best wishes.

-Jen (Deputy Warden)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR RETURNS

This Sunday, we are delighted to welcome the Cathedral Choir back from summer recess. This volunteer group of musicians work together each week to truly enrich our worship. Please note that Wednesday Evensong will not return until October. Learn more at www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/music.

A FAREWELL TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL FROM BRIAN ENGLISH

After 14 wonderful years as the custodian for St George's Cathedral the time has come for me to say good bye. I had hoped to stay on until I turned 70 but unfortunately my health has made the decision for me. My last day is **September 29th 2026**, which also happens to be my 68th birthday so it feels like this chapter is ending and a new chapter is beginning.

I am so grateful for the opportunity I was given and for the kindness the friendships and support I have received from everyone throughout the years. To Dean Doug, Margaret, Ann, the flower guild, the wardens, the staff, the volunteers, the congregation and everyone who has crossed my path, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Leaving is much harder than I ever could imagine. St. George's has been so much more than a place where I worked, it became a very special part of my life and caring for this beautiful Cathedral was something I took great pride and passion in every single day.

While I am very sad to leave I will always be grateful for the 14 years at St George's Cathedral and for the wonderful people who made those years so special. I will miss you all and miss this place more than words can say.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes,
Brian English

THIS SATURDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Join us for the final summer outdoor concert of the 2026 season featuring the **Shout Sister Choir!** Shout Sister is a network of non-auditioning, secular, community choirs for women based in Ontario and Quebec. This concert promises to be FUN! There will truly be something for everyone. All donations received go to the Shout Sister organization.

Stop into the Cathedral between 11am-3pm for **free self-guided tours!** Our volunteer greeters are on-hand to provide a warm welcome and information about our beautiful, historic space. Self-guided tour cars are available in a wide variety of languages.

JOIN THE CATHEDRAL GARDEN GANG

Have you got hands that don't mind digging, pulling, cleaning, pulling, planting and, most of all, getting dirty? The gardens and spaces surrounding the outside of our beautiful cathedral are calling out for TLC and the "Garden Gang" need your help!

Please see Jacky Stephen following the 10:30am service on Sunday, August 30 or contact her at aljacstephen@gmail.com or 306-581-8120 (cell).



SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS

This Sunday, Sunday School returns! All children and young people are invited to follow Kevin and Betsy during the opening hymn to the Library for a time of learning and fun. Of course, children are most welcome to remain with their grown ups in the cathedral as they wish.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We welcome names for prayer. Prayer requests can be offered by filling out a prayer notice located in the narthex. We review the Prayer List frequently. Should you prefer to keep a name on the list, or to add another name, please contact the office.

WE PRAY FOR: We pray for Sharon Dunlop, Sarah Hinch, Elizabeth Atwill and Family, Tanis Fairley, Nancy Smith, Janet Gray, Sharon Bate, Deacon Don Goodwin, Shawn Stockman, Nancy, Our Refugee Family, Neil Henry Clarke, Jack Buchan, Nikki, Gill Cleghorn, Gregoire, Judith Challis, Gwyneth Holtrop and family, Rebecca, Jim Stewart, David Cameron, The Ven. Michael Caswell, Bill McCready.

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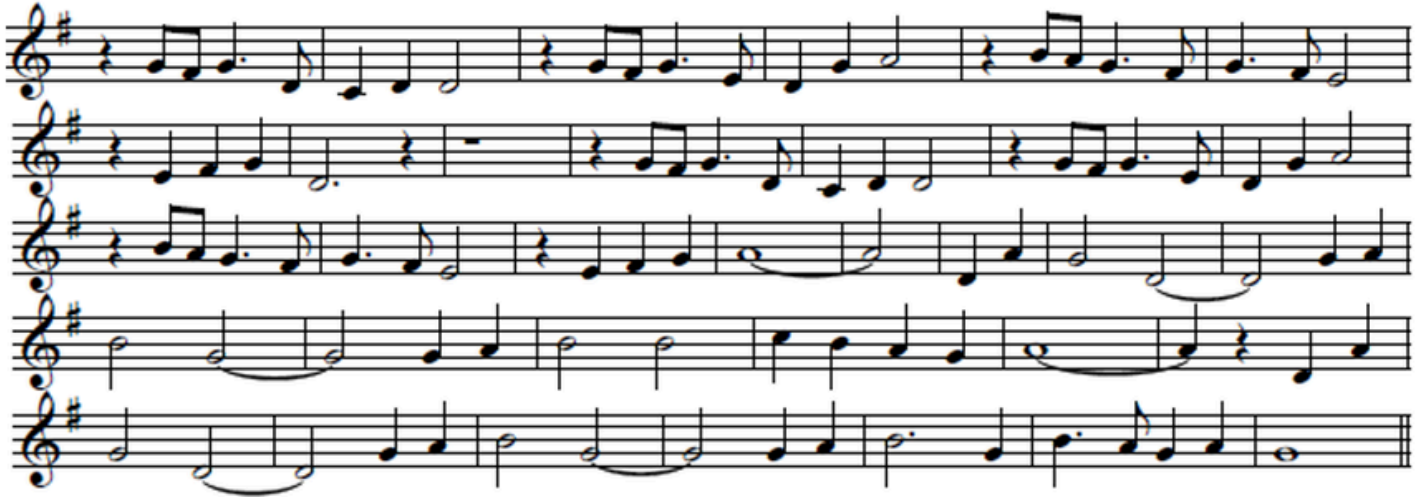
Dean Doug is on holiday until Sept 9.
The Rev. Gerry Moore will be available for pastoral emergencies:
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The Hymns We Sing

by Phil Rogers

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)



Dan Schutte (b. 1947, Daniel Laurent Schutte), the author of this hymn and composer of its music, entered the Society of Jesus after graduating from high school in Neenah, Wisconsin. He went to the Jesuit St Louis University, where he joined with four others to become the "St Louis Jesuits," a group of seminarians who composed and performed folk-rock music for the Roman Catholic liturgy following the promulgation of *Novus Ordo* by Pope Paul VI in 1969. He later taught in a high school on the Sioux Reservation in Red Cloud, South Dakota, before earning a degree in music from Seattle University, where all five of the St Louis Jesuits had moved. Both as a group and as individuals, they have made many recordings of their songs.

Schutte wrote "I, the Lord of sea and sky" in 1979, when he was enrolled at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley (now of the University of Santa Clara, part of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California). A fellow student asked him to write a hymn for the ordination of a third student to the diaconate only three days later. The request was that the text include references to the word of God, the light of Christ and the elements of the Eucharist. Schutte has recorded his anxiety about writing the hymn in such a short time. With the counsel of his fellow musicians he changed the opening line of the refrain from "Here I am, Lord, here I stand, Lord" to "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?"

Schutte scored the hymn for solo voice and guitar—he names Simon and Garfunkel and Peter, Paul and Mary as influences—and it bears the aura of its time. In 1983 Schutte and others copyrighted an organ accompaniment, and later an instrumental one. The structure of the hymn suggests that a single voice or perhaps a small semi-chorus should sing the verses (the voice of God) and a larger group respond with the refrain. Schutte has recorded it that way. Otherwise the importance of dialogue may be lost. The dialogue of the hymn repeats the dialogues in the biblical stories of Isaiah and Samuel on which the hymn is based. Isaiah's vision of God "in the year that King Uzziah died" ends with the prophet's volunteering to go out into the world as God's emissary: "Here am I, Lord." Samuel hears God's call "in the night" and responds, "Here am I." The hymn's three stanzas are loosely structured on the Trinity. Stanza 1 speaks as God the Father Creator, stanza 2 as God the Son, who suffers and loves, stanza 3 as God the Holy Spirit, the Lord of Pentecost, who comforts and provides.

This hymn was published in 1981. Since writing it Schutte has written nearly 200 hymns, though no others have had the popular appeal of this one. (It has also had its detractors.) Schutte left the Jesuit Order for personal reasons in 1986; since then he has been Composer-in-Residence at San Francisco University.

Other Hymns this Sunday
Ye Who Would Valiant Be
Take Up Thy Cross
Will You Come and Follow Me