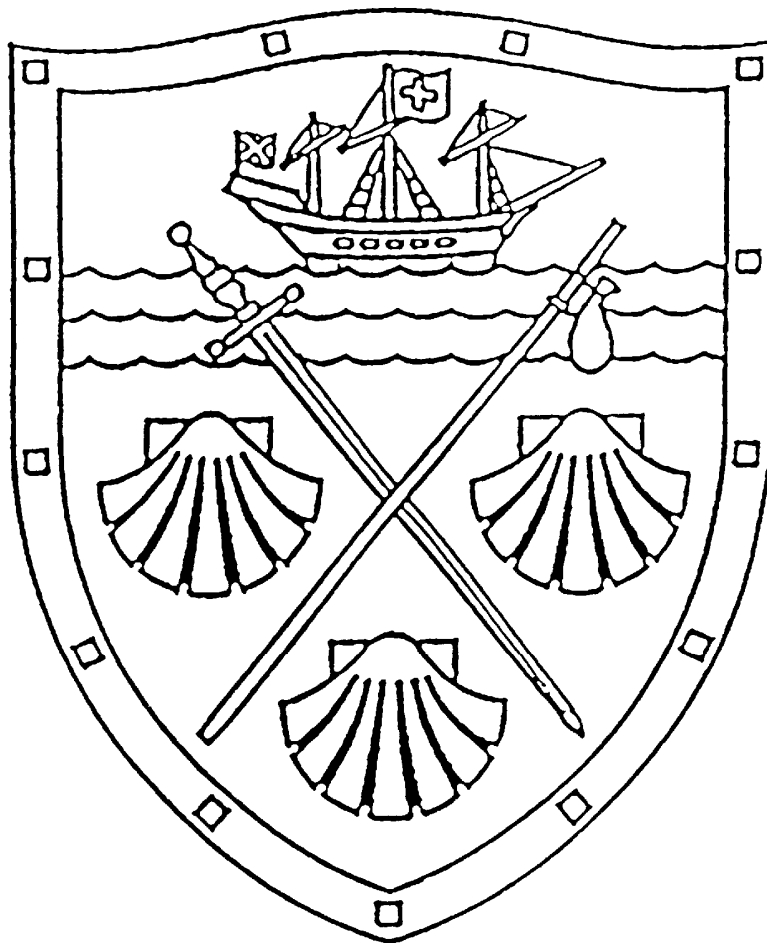


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Choral Eucharist with Spiritual Communion at 11:00am



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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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*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.*

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

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.*
- *Please do not use handheld fans or fan yourself with your leaflet.*
- *Offering plates will not be used but offering boxes are located at the back of the Cathedral and at the Mid-West exit.*

Mass Setting: Communion Service in F - Harold Darke

Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn **On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry**

Tune: Winchester New

All On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin; tr. John Chandler, alt.; Music: Melody *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, alt.

Presider 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.**

Presider Almighty God,

People **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.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Second Candle - Peace

The Second Candle is lit.

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Today the first candle in the Advent Wreath, the candle of **HOPE** continues to burn. On this the second Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of **PEACE** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

The prophet Isaiah said many years ago "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (*Isaiah 9:6*) Jesus, himself, said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (*John 14:27*). We pray that this promise will continue to inspire us to allow our lives to be a gift of peace to all we encounter. We also pray that we will continue to bring God's peace into all our relationships. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus,

All **Lord, may your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

Leader Let us pray.

All **Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions among us and our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the nations of your world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Help us, Lord, to remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; 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

Malachi 3: 1-4

Reader See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight –indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Please remain seated.*

Canticle 19 (Luke 1: 68-79) - Tone V.i.

Choir Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1: 3-11

Reader

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

People

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

Gospeller The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

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

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

Gospeller In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Peace

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 Prayers of the People

Please remain standing.

Presider I ask your prayers for the Church and the world:

For our leaders: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, our Primate; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Andrew, our Bishop; and the clergy of our Cathedral;

For The Anglican Church of Burundi;

For the Sidespersons and Stewards of our Cathedral; for Project Ploughshares, the Peace Institute of the Canadian Council of Churches;

For all civic leaders: Mary, the Governor General, Justin, Prime Minister and Douglas, the Premier.

Presider In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Intercessor Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

People **Amen.**

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.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn **Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Tune: Psalm 42

All Comfort, comfort ye my people; speak ye peace: thus says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load;
speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them:
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark! The herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the reign of God is here.
Oh, the warning call obey! Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble as befits Messiah's reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.

Text: Is. 40.1-5; para. Johannes G. Olearius; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt. Music: Melody Geveva, 1551.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir 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 a people into covenant with you; 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

MacNeil Robinson

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 God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Agnus Dei

Choir 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.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Presider Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

People **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

- *When coming forward to receive communion, please follow the directions of the sidespeople. Please remain in your pew until they indicate that it is your turn to go up to receive the sacrament.*
- *Please maintain physical distancing when coming forward for the sacrament.*
- *There are two communion ministers at the service. Please stop after the hand sanitizer station to wait for the communion minister on your side to be free.*
- *Proceed to the communion minister on your side of the centre aisle, keeping a safe distance.*
- *Extend your hands for the words of distribution, when the host will be dropped on your palm.*
- *Move all the way to the marked spot on the left or right before removing your mask and consuming the sacrament. There is a hand sanitizer station on either side.*
- *Please return to your seat using the side aisles.*

Please be seated.

Tune: Besançon

Hymn **People, Look East**

All People, look east to see at last hopes fulfilled from ages past:
now in the promise of the morning, see, a brighter day is dawning,
rich with the visions long foretold, prophets' dreams from days of old.

God reaffirms the gracious call: words of welcome meant for all;
comfort enough for all our sorrows; justice shaping new tomorrows.
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored, freed to praise and serve the Lord.

The Blessing

Presider Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn **Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night**

Tune: Church Triumphant

All Awake! Awake! Fling off the night,
for God has sent a glorious light,
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and sing, with praises strong,
in psalm and hymn and spirit-song.
Let love our words and works renew
with all that's good, and right, and true.

Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross expectant kneel,
that Christ may judge, and judging, heal.

Then rise as children of the light.
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.
Be careful how you live, and wise
to sift the truth from cunning lies.

Through Christ give thanks to God, and say
to other sleepers on the way:
"Awake, and rise up from the dead
that Christ may shine on you instead!"

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Dismissal

Deacon This service of worship is ended, our service in the world continues. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- ***Please exit the Cathedral promptly using the Mid-West door. If you prefer not to use stairs, please exit through the West Porch.***
- *If you haven't already done so, please drop your offering or envelope in the box by the Mid-West door.*
- *On your way out, you may drop your leaflet in the recycling bin provided.*
- ***Maintain physical distancing as you exit.***
- *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.*

Postlude Fugue in e minor, BWV 548

J.S. Bach

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend James Liu

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Deacon: The Reverend Claire Latimer-Dennis

Reader: Christian Kingsmill

Music Director & Organist: Thomas Bell • Assisting at the Organ: Robert Pecksmith

Sung by Members of the Choir of St. James Cathedral • Trumpeter: Michelle Wylie

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:
The Anglican Church of Burundi;
Project Ploughshares, the Peace Institute
of the Canadian Council of Churches; the
Sidespersons and Stewards.

PASTORAL CARE

If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with our Sub-Dean & Vicar, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: sfields@stjamescathedral.ca.

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Sunday Coffee Hour

Both in-person and virtual Coffee Hours are suspended for the time being, but please say hello on the West Lawn as you leave!

Sunday Services

Sunday services take place at **8:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am.**

Register to attend on our website at stjamescathedral.ca/register-for-sunday-services/

Please note: you do not need to register to attend the 8:00am service; there will be a sign-in sheet.

The **11:00am** service is also **live-streamed** on the Diocesan YouTube channel here:

www.youtube.com/tordio135

Don't forget, you can always view previous worship services, including our **Advent Lessons & Carols** service, on the Diocesan Youtube channel at www.youtube.com/tordio135

Advent Reflections

During the season of Advent, the Vicar will lead the Cathedral community during the 9:00am and 11:00am celebrations as he reflects on the four Advent themes, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. This is a wonderful way to get ready to celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem.

Advent Through the Arts - Young Adult Advent Series Begins today, December 5

During Advent, we'll be hosting a series of conversations for young adults in the parish, looking at Advent themes in poetry, photography, music, and iconography. We'll meet on Sundays at 12:30pm in Snell Hall, beginning today, December 5. For details email Claire at clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca

Weekday Services at the Cathedral

Morning Prayer

Monday–Friday: 8:00am - *also live-streamed at*
www.youtube.com/c/stjamescathedraltoronto

Morning Prayer will also be posted online only on our
[YouTube channel](#) *on Saturday at 8:00am.*

Holy Eucharist

Monday & Friday: 12:15pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 9:30am (Snell Hall) & 12:15pm

*All services take place in the Cathedral's **Lady Chapel** except as noted.*

Pre-registration is not required; there will be sign-in sheet when you arrive.

Stewardship 2021

In the Anglican tradition, the **Feast of St. Nicholas** is celebrated on December 6. A number of legends cluster around the saint, a fourth-century bishop in what is now Turkey, usually focused on charity and gift giving. These legends spread through many countries, and the saint's identity morphed according to the surrounding culture.

In the Netherlands, for example, he becomes Sinterklaas, who fills children's shoes with treats or coal, depending on their behaviour during the year. Dutch immigrants brought him to North America, where with the help of Clement Clarke Moore's 1823 poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, better known as *The Night Before Christmas*, and 1930s advertisements for a certain soft drink, solidified Nicholas's current persona.

Whatever the fourth-century Nicholas would make of his present image, he is now inextricably linked to a season in which we are encouraged to think of others and demonstrate our love for them through our generosity. **St. Nicholas embodies the spirit of giving and reflects God's gift of Jesus, His Son, to us.**

In this season of giving we ask you to remember St. James Cathedral and its work. If you haven't responded already to our Fall Appeal, please consider it seriously and give as generously as you can. **Thank you.**

You can help by making a gift either on-line at stjamescathedral.ca or by mailing a cheque to St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9.

Stewardship Challenge

One of our families has found a creative way to encourage others to donate as an act of thanksgiving for and faith in the life of the Cathedral. **They are making a special offering of \$5,000** from money they saved by not spending on things they normally would have if it weren't for the pandemic. **They are challenging others in the community to do the same and to match their gift if possible.** What a great idea! The ball, as they say, is in your court! Thank you to all of you who have generously responded to our 2021 Stewardship letter so far!

Nominations Committee 2022 Update

The following parishioners have graciously accepted to be members of the Nomination Committee for Vestry 2022:

Colleen Cardillo, David Crawford, Angela David and Yvonne Joseph.

Do you wonder what members of the Cathedral Council and Lay Members of Synod do and what commitment is required to those interested in serving in these roles? Please come to a brief Information Meeting that will take place Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 10:15 (Location to be announced) to have your questions answered.

Bob Hart

Chair, Nominations Committee

Christmas Memorial Flowers

A beautiful way to remember a loved one at Christmas is through the memorial poinsettias that will be placed in the Cathedral for the season. Names can be emailed to info@stjamescathedral.ca or called in to the clergy extension at 416-364-7865, ext. *232. We are asking for donations of \$40 (minimum) per name or per couple. Donations will be designated to the Cathedral Flower Fund and are tax-receiptable. Please indicate whether you will be making your payment by credit card online or by cheque on the offering plate/by mail. **The deadline for submitting memorial names is Tuesday, December 7.**

Looking Ahead

“Blue Christmas” – Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00pm

Our “Blue Christmas” celebration (Service of Remembrance and Hope) will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00pm. In the shadow of the Advent Candles, we will trim our Christmas tree by hanging doves in memory of our loved ones who will be missing from our tables at this joyous time.

Register to attend on our website at stjamescathedral.ca/blue-christmas-service/

Book Group – Next meeting: Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00pm

Join the Cathedral Book Club in reading *Laurus* by **Eugene Vodolazkin**. A novel set in Medieval Russia, it follows a Holy Fool in his life’s adventures. It’s a strange, beautiful, and funny book! We’ll gather over Zoom on December 15th at 7:00pm. Email clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca if you’re interested in joining the discussion.

La Nativité du Seigneur - Friday, December 17 at 7:30pm

La Nativité du Seigneur by Olivier Messiaen will be presented by **Organist Rashaan Allwood**. The recital will be both in-person and live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/c/stjamescathedraltoronto. No need to register to attend in person – we’ll have a sign-in sheet when you arrive.

Christmas at the Cathedral

Christmas Eve

4:30pm: Lessons & Carols service

Preceded by an Organ Recital at 4:00pm

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

Registration to attend services is required and will open on our website on **December 15**.

The Christmas Eve services and the 11:00am Christmas Day service will also be live-streamed on the

Diocesan YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/tordio135

Thread of Hope - A PWRDF Advent Resource

Daily scripture readings, prayers, meditations and stories of hope - emailed to you for your Advent journey. To sign up and for more Advent resources, visit the PWRDF website at <https://pwrdf.org/advent2021>.

PWRDF Christmas Cards 2021

Our Canadian Anglican Church Agency for sustainable development and relief, PWRDF, continues to support national and international communities needing help as it has all through the pandemic. Working with trusted partner agencies on the ground around the world, it is involved with bringing humanitarian relief to disaster areas as well as long term commitments to empowering women, food security, preventative health, supporting refugees and Indigenous programs. Please continue to support the work of PWRDF with your donations, and purchases from the new 2021 World of Gifts Catalogue and Christmas Cards. Details at the website pwrdf.org, email pwrdf@pwrdf.org or phone 416-924- 9192.

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