

The Cathedral Church of St. James

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

*The Great Litany in Procession &
Choral Eucharist at 11:00am*



*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 the Credit First Nation. 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 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.

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Children & Families

Godly Play meets every week at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.
Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Accessibility

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

Join us in Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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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 and refrain from taking photographs during the liturgy.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode - Charles Wood

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather around the Advent wreath before proceeding to St. George's Chapel for Godly Play; they will return at the offertory.

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 with thy spirit.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Candle - Hope

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader The four candles in the Advent wreath are lit, one by one, on each Sunday in Advent. Each time we light a candle, we think of a particular theme as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Today we will light the first candle, the candle of **HOPE**.

The psalmist says "*O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.*" (Psalm 130:7) As we seek to bring hope to persons and in places where darkness and doubt prevail, we pray that we will all strive to carry the light of Christ into the world through our daily lives.

People **Lord, kindle your hope in our hearts.**

The first candle is lit.

Leader Let us pray:

People **Lord, we look for your coming as the hope of the world. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.**

The Great Litany

Please refer to the Litany insert.

Collect of the Day

Presider God of peace, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; so that on the last day, when your Son Jesus shall come again to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to eternal life; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Reader The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 122

Choir I was glad when they said to me,
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem;
Jerusalem, built as a city
 that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
‘May they prosper who love you.
‘Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.’
For my kindred and companions’ sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.

The Second Reading

Romans 13: 11-14

Reader Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24: 36-44

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Merbecke

Presider I believe in one God

People **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of peace, as you feel comfortable.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Helmsley

All Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O, come quickly! O, come quickly! O, come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Mada, alt.
Music: Melody attrib. Thomas Olivers and Martin Madan.

Presider God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Thanksgiving & Consecration

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

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 with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

People We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Presider And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Merbecke

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Celebrant *All*

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give them that tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For thine is the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry,
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

All We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you choose not to receive communion,
simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.
For those requiring gluten-free hosts or not wanting to walk up the chancel steps,
please go to St. John's Altar (on the left).
It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.
Prayers for healing and anointing are available at The Lady Chapel.*

Communion Hymn

Tune: Wachet Auf (Nicolai)

All Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer,
for he who calls you is no stranger:
awake, God's own Jerusalem!
Hear, the midnight bells are chiming
the signal for his royal coming:
let voice to voice announce his name!
We feel his footstep near,
the Bridegroom at the door. Alleluia!
The lamps will shine with light divine
as Christ the saviour comes to reign.

Glory, glory, sing the angels,
while music sounds from strings and cymbals;
all humankind, with songs arise!
Twelve the gates into the city,
each one a pearl of shining beauty;
the streets of gold ring out with praise.
All creatures round the throne
adore the holy One with rejoicing:
Amen be sung by every tongue
to crown their welcome to the King.

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Motet A Great and Mighty Wonder

Michael Praetorius arr. James Whitbourn

Choir

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the Infant
With virgin honor pure!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

While thus they sing your monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains!
Ye oceans, clap your hands!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of
man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

People

Amen.

Presider 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

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

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

All O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Text: Latin (9th cent.?); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.
Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale (15th cent.)

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.**

Postlude

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

*At the High Altar, in loving memory of
Nicholas & Adele Haddad*

*At the Lady Altar, in loving memory of
St. Clair and Ethel Balfour*

*At St. John's Altar, in loving memory of
Edmund and Mary Staunton*

Presiding Celebrant & Litanist: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Homilist: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

First Reader: Ruth Davis • Second Reader: David Butters

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Communion Ministers: Yvonne Joseph, Paul Seddon & Joanne Short

Music Director & Organist: Thomas Bell • Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens

Assisting at the Organ: Imre Olah • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
The Anglican Church in Japan;
St. James Cathedral;
and the Change Ringers Guild.*

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 Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: sfields@stjamescathedral.ca; 416-364-7865, ext. *235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca 416-364-7865, ext. *237

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00am: Said Eucharist

The order of service is found in the leaflet. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are also provided.

Change to Cathedral Hours: Beginning tomorrow Monday, November 28, our new year, the Cathedral will be open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Friday. The day will end with prayer.

****Sunday Coffee Hour:** The 9:00am Coffee Hour will be held in the Southwest Porch.

NEW ALTERNATE COLLECTS

Each Sunday we begin our eucharistic celebrations with the Collect of the Day.

A collect is simply a gathering prayer which points to themes for the day as found in the lessons appointed. Hence, it gathers or collects our thoughts and intentions.

In the invariable form of Sunday propers in the Book of Common Prayer, there are some of the most beautiful prayers ever written. One of the realities of liturgical scholarship and revisions of the last half century, which included the ‘window opening’ of Vatican Two, the veritable explosion in biblical scholarship post-war, and the resulting liturgical creativity, is that our church, along with many others, adopted a ‘common’ lectionary for Sunday worship. As well as expanding our Sunday lections to three readings (plus a psalm), the new ecumenical lectionary also included a three-year cycle, enabling us to hear much more of the Bible, and to focus, in each of the three years, on one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Luke, and Mark).

When the Book of Alternative Services was published in 1985, (very soon after the development of the Common Lectionary), it provided a rich array of new Collects, along with the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. The Revised Common Lectionary appeared in 1992, and the Anglican Church of Canada has used this lectionary since the BAS came out.

Since then, a group of liturgical and biblical scholars across the country has gathered to expand the set of collects to include prayers that accurately and creatively reflect the full three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Calling on existing resources from other Canadian churches, resources from the Church of England, and other international writing, an intriguing, beautiful, and evocative full set of Collects. These are all available on the national church website and we here at the Cathedral will begin using them today, Advent Sunday, as we begin another church year.

I encourage you to listen and hear – these are a wonderful addition to our rich library of liturgical resources!!

Peter Wall
Interim Dean & Priest in Charge

TODAY

Organ recital, Advent Lessons and Carols Service, and Dedication of Lights:



***4:00pm: Organ Recital** with Imre Olah.

***4:30pm: Advent Lessons and Carols Service**

Enter into the season of Advent with this seasonal favourite service of readings and music! *This service will be both in-person and live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel.*

***Dedication of Lights:**

During and immediately after the service we will inaugurate our new exterior lighting, which recognizes the historic importance of St. James Cathedral and enhances the façade and the historical character of the site. The installation of the lights marks the realization of a long-held ambition at St. James and, although the work was completed in 2020, the inauguration has been postponed because of the pandemic. We are “A Light in the City”, a witness of justice and compassion. We will give thanks for and recognize those who have contributed so generously to our project. Refreshments in Snell Hall will follow the ceremony. Please join us!

STAY UP TO DATE

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. You can send us the names of your loved ones in one of three ways **before Wednesday, December 7:**

1. Email lscapillato@stjamescathedral.ca
2. Placed in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate during our services.
3. Call into 416-364-7865, ext. *229.

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.

Pewter ornaments are ready to go to your home!

Come, visit us and get yours every Sunday **until December 18** after the 9:00am and 11:00am services during the coffee hour. Also, you can buy them at our front desk Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Each ornament is \$25. Payment options: Cash (preferred) and credit card. More information: Kate Uchendu at kate1973.ku@gmail.com

Reading in the Cathedral at Sunday services

Join the Guild of Lectors and be one of the readers at one or all of the Sunday services. If you are interested, please send an email to Canon Beth at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca
The training workshop is scheduled for December 4 at 1:00pm. All readers and those who are interested are encouraged to attend.

ADVENT CALENDAR AT THE CATHEDRAL

Advent through the Gospels

Everyone is invited to gather during the 4 weeks of Advent as we read and reflect together on the themes we find in the Sunday gospel passages. There are three ways to participate:



1. 'Zoom' with the Interim Dean on the four **Monday evenings** of Advent at **7:00pm (Nov. 28 - Dec. 19)**. Please register for Zoom coordinates by sending an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca
2. Join in-person the Scripture Circle in the Library on the four **Wednesday mornings** of Advent at **11:00am (Nov 30-Dec 21)**.
3. Join in-person the "Becoming the Story We Tell" Small Group in the Library on the four **Wednesdays evenings** of Advent at **7:00pm (Nov 30-Dec 21)**.

For one hour, we will think about what Advent means, how we approach the Christmas season, how we 'prepare ourselves', and the ways in which four specific Gospel readings for the season speak to us. We will conclude each evening in prayer.

You will be sent the readings. Come - listen - share - learn - enjoy!

Saturday, December 3 at 2:00pm: Celebration of Life for Elisabeth Muir

All are welcome. Lis began attending the Cathedral in 1973. She was a sidesperson at Evensong, played the bells, and volunteered at St. Bartholomew's Church. She died in England in May 2022.

Sunday, December 4 at 4:00pm: Advent Recital

Enjoy a recital by Duo Oriana: Sinéad White (Soprano) Jonathan Stuchbery (Lute).

A beautiful programme of Advent music from seventeenth-century England and Italy performed by our Artists-in-Residence.

Saturday, December 17 at 4:00pm: Blue Christmas Service



Christmas is a difficult time for many of us, especially those grieving the loss of a loved one. St. James Cathedral offers a service of prayer and reflection to help us prepare for the holiday in faith and hope, despite our losses.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

St. James' Cemetery & Crematorium opened the new St. Peter Road Section

Only 92 graves are available. Cathedral parishioners will have the first opportunity to purchase graves **until December 1, 2022**, after which they will be offered to the public. More info: Contact the Cemetery office at 416-964-9194 or cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only

Monday – Friday at 8:30am

View Morning Prayer via the **Cathedral YouTube channel**

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday – Friday

In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

MONDAY:

Our Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields is away until November 30, returning December 1.

TUESDAY: November 29, Organ Recital Series at 1:00pm

Join us at St. James Cathedral to enjoy a 40-minute concert by Michael Capon.

All are welcome. Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: Scripture Circle at 11:00am

Join the Scripture Circle in the Library on the four Wednesday mornings of Advent (Nov 30-Dec 21) for "Advent through the Gospels".

Please contact Canon Beth Benson for more information at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca

FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm:

Our Cathedral opens its doors for guests to come in for a meal in Snell Hall.

Fr. David Hoopes, OHC, Pastoral Associate, serves as "Priest-in-Residence" on Fridays. He is available for any matters that may require attention by a priest.

SATURDAY: Pre-recorded Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Watch it online through the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(Also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135)

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

Readings for next Sunday,

December 4:

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

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