

# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## The Third Sunday of Advent

*December 11, 2022*

*Choral Eucharist at 11:00am*



*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

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### Liturgical Note

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Mass Setting: Missa O Magnum Mysterium - Tomás Luis de Victoria*

**Prelude**    Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

*J.S. Bach*

### 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 Third Candle - Joy

*Leader*      Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader*      Today the candles of **HOPE** and **PEACE** continue to burn in the Advent Wreath. On this the third Sunday in Advent, we will light the candle of **JOY** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The prophet Isaiah said *"Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight."* (Isaiah 65:18). As we continue our journey through Advent, let us to pray that we may, in every circumstance, find true joy in God's presence, and share this joy to others.

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

*The third candle is lit.*

*Leader*      Let us pray:

*People*      **We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Saviour and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with peace, hope and joy. Amen.**

## Hymn

Tune: Crüger

*All*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, alt.

Music: Melody Johann Crüger; adapt. William Henry Monk.

## Kyrie Eleison

*Choir* Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 35: 1-10*

*Reader* The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 146: 4-10*

*Choir* Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong  
and bread to those who hunger.  
The Lord looses those that are bound;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the orphan and widow;  
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.  
The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

## **The Second Reading**

*James 5: 7-10*

*Reader* Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Veni Emmanuel*

*Choir* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir* The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 11: 2-11*

*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* When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.’

*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.**

### The Intercession

*Presider* Gathered in God’s presence on this third Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us pray for the church, for the world and for those in need, responding “Lord Jesus, come soon”.

*Intercessor* We pray to you, Lord.

*People* **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* God of joy, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people and you know our needs before we ask. As we prepare for your coming, awaken in us your gift of joy and wonder. In your mighty name we pray.

*People* **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: Little Cornard

*All* Hills of the North, rejoice,  
river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing.  
Christ comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.

Text: Charles Ernest Oakley; Music: Martin Shaw.

*Presider* God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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* Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name,  
*All* 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: Wait for the Lord

*All* Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Ps. 31.24 and Ps. 130.5; para. Taizé Community (France); Music: Jacques Berthier.  
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## **Communion Hymn**

Tune: Narenza

*All* You servants of the Lord, each in your calling wait,  
observant of his heavenly Word, and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame;  
attentive stand, as in his sight, for awesome is his name.

Watch; 'tis your Lord's command, and while we speak, he's near;  
mark the first signal of his hand, and ready all appear.

How happy shall we be if in his service found!  
We shall our Lord with rapture see and be with honour crowned!

Christ shall the banquet spread with his own royal hand,  
and raise each faithful servant's head amid the angelic band.

Text: Philip Doddridge, alt;  
Music: Melody *Hymnologium*, 1584; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal.

**Motet** **There Is No Rose** Philip Stopford

*Choir* There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluya.  
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space: Res miranda<sup>1</sup>  
By that rose we may well see that he is God in person three: Pares forma<sup>2</sup>  
The angels sung the shepherds to: "Gloria in excelsis Deo", Gaudeamus<sup>3</sup>  
Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth: Transeamus.

<sup>1</sup>Res miranda = thing of wonder.   <sup>2</sup>Pares forma = Equal in form.   <sup>3</sup>Gaudeamus = Let us rejoice.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray. *Please stand, as you are able.*

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.

*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: Irish

*All* "Your kingdom come"—on bended knee the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong,  
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear.  
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

the day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad—  
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, alt.;  
Music: *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, Dublin, 1749.

## **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** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660

*J.S. Bach*

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

*At the High Altar, in loving memory of*

*Paul Goforth Jeffrey & Jane Edwards Jeffrey & Dr. Liss Jeffrey & Robin Robarts Jeffrey & John Stephen David Jeffrey & John Paul Jeffrey*

*At the Lady Altar, in loving memory of*

*Marguerite Gwendolyn Wilkinson*

*Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson*

*Homilist: The Very Reverend Peter Wall*

*Deacon: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields*

*First Reader: Susan Boucaud • Second Reader: Christoph Pike*

*Intercessor: Sean Hopperton • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT*

*Communion Ministers: Ira Carmichael, Ruth Davis & Paul Seddon*

*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*

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<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Anglican Church of Kenya; Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery; and the Servers and Sacristans Guild.</i></p>	<p>If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with our Sub-Dean &amp; Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: <a href="mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca">sfields@stjamescathedral.ca</a>; 416-364-7865, ext. *235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: <a href="mailto:bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca">bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca</a> 416-364-7865, ext. *237</p>

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# ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 11, 2022

**\*8:00am: Said Eucharist:** The order of service is found in the leaflet. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are also provided.

**\*Today's Coffee Hour** following the 11:00am service is sponsored by the York Group. Join us in Snell Hall for refreshments and Christmas treats. All are welcome!

**\*2023 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West aisle.**

**\*Visit us:** The Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Friday.

## The Third Candle, JOY



We start this third week of Advent standing in the shadow of the candles of *Hope* and *Peace*. Hope is the capacity to acknowledge the challenges and difficulties of life, and the refusal to be imprisoned by them. Peace (*shalom*) has to do with health, prosperity, harmony, and wholeness, total flourishing. This week, we reflect on *Joy*.

The picture of the doting grandfather provides an image of “happiness”. To the observer, happiness is written all over his face. Only “granddad” knows what he is *experiencing*, only he knows what others may think he is feeling, only he knows the joy that is written in his heart. It is a feeling of deep pleasure and delight, like the tingling sensation of “bubbly” making its way over the palate.

Christian joy is like that and more. It is the thrill of knowing that we share in the story of God. From the garden in Genesis to the garden in the book of The Revelation to John, the story is all about God breaking into our lives and then we, God’s people, going out into the world as witnesses to God’s goodness and desire that all be invited to share and included in that life.

The Luke-Acts narrative provides us with seven reasons for such *joy* as was experienced in the Early Church. In Luke’s account of the gospel, there was joy because the Saviour was born (2:10); discipleship was worth its cost (6:23); the sick and lost were healed and rescued (13:17; 15:5); Jesus is the king (19:37).

In the Book of Acts of the Apostles, there was joy because the church was the Lord’s community both inside and outside (2:46); the word of God had reached the nations (8:39; 13:48); the nations obeyed the word (11:23).

Joy results when we recognize that we live in Christ, that Christ lives in us, and that we live, not for ourselves but for others. It is nourished when we shift our attention from ourselves and the mistaken view that “*life revolves around me*” and strive to cultivate an attitude that reaches out to others with the holy intention to embrace them, enhance their lives as we share ourselves, our hopes, and dreams with them, and they with us. ***Do you feel the joy?***

## PLAN AHEAD: THIS CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

### **This Saturday, December 17 at 2:00pm: Holiday Carols in St. James Park**

Join the *Friends of St James Park Toronto* by a hot fire in St. James Park for a Holiday Sing-along with the Hart House Chorus! No singing experience is required. Free to attend!

### **This 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.

### **This Sunday, December 18: St. James Cathedral pewter ornaments!**

Come visit us and get your ornaments every **Sunday until December 18 after the 9:00am and 11:00am services during the coffee hour.** Also, buy them at our front desk Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. For more information: [kate1973.ku@gmail.com](mailto:kate1973.ku@gmail.com)

## **Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day**

### **Christmas Eve: Saturday, Dec. 24:**

**4:00pm:** Festive Organ Recital

**4:30pm:** A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

**7:30pm:** Choral Eucharist

*The recital and services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://youtube.com/tordio135)*

### **Christmas Day: Sunday, Dec. 25:** \*There is no Choral Evensong on Christmas Day.

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)*

### **New Year's Day: Sunday, Jan. 1:**

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)*

**3:30pm:** Festive Music

**4:00pm:** Choral Evensong, Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto\*, and Installation of the New Chancellor *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://youtube.com/tordio135))*

\*We are delighted to announce that Bishop Andrew Asbil has named **Don Solomon**, our Deputy Rector's Warden, to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. This distinction was created to honour outstanding lay people in the Church in the Diocese of Toronto. Congratulations, Don, on this well-deserved honour!

# WE COUNT ON YOU, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## St. James Cathedral Christmas Food Drive

If you want to help with the **St. James Christmas Food Drive**, please donate non-perishable food items in the red bin located in the Cathedral (King Street entrance). Your **donations will support food programs** at St. Bartholomew's Church in Regent Park. Any help is highly appreciated.

## Volunteer with the Drop-In

The Drop-In will be celebrating with a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings for their special **Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 23**. There will be Christmas Carols, too! There will also be a special **New Year's lunch** for our guests on **Friday, December 30**.

**Would you like to volunteer at the Drop-In during this season?** You can assist with preparing the meal, packing, serving, and cleaning up at the end of the day.

It is an opportunity to give to a community where many experience loneliness and seclusion at this time of year.

There will also be a small gift for each of our guests. **Donations of chocolates and winter wear for adult men and women are really appreciated.**

To sign up to volunteer on December 23, 30, or January 6 or to donate, please contact Kathy Biasi at (416)364-7865, ext. \*222 or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

## Today: Support the Drop-In with the "Heart of The City"



To commemorate the 225th year of the Anglican Community in Toronto, a group of volunteer creators, organized and worked on the "Heart of the City" 2022 Christmas Ornament with a donation from Fabricland. Each ornament is \$5. All proceeds from sales of these handmade ornaments go directly to our Drop-In program.

You may pick them up at the West Porch today after the 9:00am and 11:00am services. Limited units; first come-first served basis.

## ADVENT CALENDAR AT THE CATHEDRAL

### Advent through the Gospels

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](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca)
2. Join the Scripture Circle in person on the second floor of the Cathedral Centre on the four **Wednesday mornings** of Advent at **11:00am (Nov 30-Dec 21)**.
3. Join the "Becoming the Story We Tell" Small Group in person in the Library on the four **Wednesdays evenings** of Advent at **7:00pm (Nov 30-Dec 21)**.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

**Morning Prayer – online only**  
Monday – Friday at 8:30am  
via the **Cathedral YouTube channel**

**Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**  
Monday – Friday  
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

**TUESDAY:** Our Organ Recitals will be back on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

**WEDNESDAY: At 11:00am & 7:00pm**

**\*At 11:00am:** Join the Scripture Circle in-person on the second floor of the Cathedral Centre 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](mailto:bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca). (See page 3 for details).

**\*At 7:00pm:** Join the “Becoming the Story We Tell” Small Group in-person in the Library on the **four Wednesdays evenings of Advent (Nov 30-Dec 21)**. (See page 3 for details).

**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.

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

Watch it online through the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

**SUNDAY: Coffee Hour: Join us!**

\*The 9:00am Coffee Hour is held in the Cathedral's Southwest Porch.

\*The 11:00am Coffee Hour is held in Snell Hall in the Cathedral Centre.

## 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](https://www.youtube.com/tordio135))*

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong

**Readings for next Sunday,**

**December 18:**

Isaiah 7: 10-16

80: 1-7, 16-18

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

**\*Save the date:** As many know, our beloved Senior Sexton, **Emile Rhineland** is retiring at the end of January! Please hold **Sunday, January 29** for a special celebration of Emile's time with us at a reception following the 11:00am service. More details to come.

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