

The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Birth of the Lord - Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



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

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.

A WARM WELCOME AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

*After the service, you are invited to visit the crèche
to pray in thanksgiving for the incarnation of the Prince of Peace.*

Children & Families

There will be no Godly Play today, Christmas Day. Families and children are encouraged to worship together. Join us again at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services on January 1!
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

There will not be a Coffee Hour today or on January 1, 2023. Our Regular Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023 after the 9:00am & 11:00am services. Join us!

Parking

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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: St. James Christmas Service - arr. by Mark Schweizer

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Tune: Regent Square

All Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Text: James Montgomery, alt.; Tune: Henry Thomas Smart.

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 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

People **May all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Presider Alleluia! When the fullness of time was come,

People **God sent the Son, born of a woman, so that we might become God's children. Alleluia!**

Presider Glory to God in the highest,

People **And peace to his people on earth.**

Gloria

All

Glory be to God on high, to all people, peace on earth.
Angels, shepherds drawing nigh, join to celebrate his birth
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Jesus Christ we now declare Lamb of God and Lord of Love.
Grant us mercy, hear our prayer, give us grace from heav'n above.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Praises to the Holy One, praises sing in highest heav'n;
to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit giv'n.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

God of promise, from ancient times you have sustained your people. With Mary and Joseph, teach us to treasure in our hearts the birth of Jesus, and with shepherds and angels, lead us to praise the holy Child of Bethlehem in whose name we pray.

People

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 62: 6-12

Reader

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 97



- Cantor* The Lord is king: let the earth re-joice;
let the multitude of the isles be[^]glad.
- All* **Clouds and darkness are round a-bout him;
righteousness and justice are the foun-da-tion of his[^]throne.**
- Cantor* Fire goes be-fore him
and burns up his ene-mies on ev-ery[^]side.
- All* **His lightnings lit up the world;
the earth saw`it and trem-bled.**
- Cantor* The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord`of the whole earth.
- All* **The heavens declared his right-eous[^]ness,
and all the peoples have seen his glo-ry.**
- Cantor* Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere i-dols.
Bow down be-fore him, all you[^]gods.
- All* **Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah re-joiced,
because of your judge-ments, O Lord.**
- Cantor* For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far`a-bove all gods.
- All* **The Lord loves those who hate e-vil;
he preserves the lives of his faithful
and delivers them from the hand`of the wick-ed.**
- Cantor* Light has sprung up for the right-eous
and joy`for the true of[^]heart.
- All* **Rejoice in the Lord, you right-eous,
and give thanks to his ho-ly[^]name.**

The Second Reading

Titus 3: 4-7

- Reader* But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- Reader* The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand, as you are able.* *Sussex Carol*

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Cantor I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel *Luke 2: 8-20*

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 that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Homily

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

Presider O God, your angel announced good news of greatest joy for all people. A child has been born among us, a child lying in a manger, the Saviour of the world! Rejoicing in the power of this miracle, we offer our prayers for your Church and for the world, saying 'Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.'

Intercessor Lord of Glory,
People **Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Light of life, you came in flesh and gave the human family power to live fully as your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to welcome your presence among us so that all of creation may sing *Glory to the Newborn King* and walk in the way of justice and peace.

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.

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

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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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: In Dulci Jubilo

All Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

Text: German-Latin carol (14th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1533.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world away; have mercy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Mary. This, this is your body giv'n, your precious blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Mary.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons. If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Hymn

Tune: Cranham

All

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Gustav Theodore Holst.

Hymn

Tune: Love Came Down

All

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, Love divine;
love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Malcolm Archer.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,
All **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 May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; 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: Antioch

All Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt.; Music: Melody George Frideric Handel; adapt. William Holford, Voce de Melodia, 1835; harm. Lowell Mason.

Dismissal

Priest Go forth in peace, in the name of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace, Immanuel, God with us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Presiding Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Reader & Intercessor: Jacqueline Gibbons

Communion Ministers: Peter Dawes & Sarah McKinnon

Stewards: Rob Haines & Robert Hart

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

Assisting at the Organ: Imre Olah • Sung by The St. James Singers

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Anglican Church of Melanesia; and the Cathedral and Community Refugee Response Committee</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 & 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</p>

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The Memorial Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

High Altar

St. Clair & Helen Balfour

Lady Altar

The Wilkinson, Alleyne and Grandison families

St. John's Altar

Dr. Rachel Thaysil Mathew Eappen

Front Pillar

William Morley Kilbourn
Hilary Celia Radcliffe Kilbourn
Nicholas Morley Sawyer Kilbourn

Christmas Tree

William Raymond & Suzanne Sweatman McNeillie and Joseph & Anne Peters

Pulpit Standard

Annie Elizabeth & Archibald MacDonald Robison

St. George's Chapel

Mr. Philip and Mrs. Joane Noble

MEMORIAL FLOWERS • CHRISTMAS 2022

*Christmas plants have been donated by members of the Cathedral community
in memory of the following loved ones:*

Arisa Arro	Carl Ivan Keddy
Mary and Henry Banfield	James F. Kennedy
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Bill and Winifred Benson	Nicol GW Kingsmill
Philip Best	Aaron and Helen Klassen
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Christopher Jaaskelainen	Susan Shuyin Wu
Graeme Jones	June Yearwood
Winston & Agatha Joseph	Nellie and Fred Yearwood

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 25, 2022

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

***Coffee Hour:** Please note that there will not be a coffee hour today, Christmas Day, December 25, or on New Year's Day, January 1, 2023. Our Regular Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas is upon us, and so I write, on behalf of the Wardens and the Staff to wish you a most blessed and joyous Christmas season!

In one of his great essays, the late Andrew Allen wished us all: 'a quiet hour lazy with the love of God' as a gift. In our world sometimes, it is hard to find that quiet hour, and yet the joy and promise of that birth so long ago and so far away call us to stand at the crib in silent wonder and tranquil prayer.

In a world in which deep sorrows and troubling complexities seem to assail us on every side, it is so important for us to take a moment and simply be grateful – grateful for what we have without resentment at what we lack. We have friends and family; we have faith and the promise of hope; we have this amazing Cathedral community, which has offered such a warm welcome to me, and in which we find so much joy and comfort. While there is so much to do, there is so much good around us and inside of us.

So, as we 'keep' our Christmas, may the joy of Jesus' birth be with us, may the quiet contemplation of God's mighty acts surround us and may that lazy hour with the love of God be with you and with those you love.

Thank you for joining us as we 'keep the feast' here at the Cathedral.

With every blessing –

The Very Reverend Peter Wall
Interim Dean & Priest in Charge

PLAN AHEAD: NEW YEAR'S DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist; **9:00am:** Sung Eucharist & **11:00am:** Choral Eucharist (*also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135*).

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*).

*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: VOLUNTEER WITH THE DROP-IN

The Drop-In will be celebrating **New Year's** with a special **lunch** for our guests on **Friday, December 30**. You can assist with preparing the meal, packing, serving, and cleaning up at the end of the day. Donations of chocolates and winter wear for adult men and women are really appreciated. To sign up to volunteer on December 30 or January 6 or to donate, contact Kathy Biasi at (416) 364-7865, ext. *222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Morning Prayer – online only

from Wednesday, December 28 to Friday,
December 30 at 8:30am
via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

from Wednesday, December 28
to Friday, December 30.
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

***The Cathedral and the Cathedral Offices** will be closed on Monday, December 26; Tuesday, December 27; and Monday, January 2. If you need to see a member of staff from Wednesday, December 28 to Friday, December 30, please contact them directly.

***The Cathedral will be open from 10:00am – 3:00pm from Wednesday, December 28 to Friday, December 30** with a 12:15pm Holy Eucharist on these days.

***Morning Prayer** remains online at 8:30am for these days.

***In person donation:** If you would like to drop off an offering to the secure mailbox which is mounted in the Church Street vestibule at the entrance of the doors at 65 Church Street, the doors will be open on Wednesday, December 28 – Friday, December 30 from 9:30am – 3:30pm. Please make donations by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2022.

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

***WEDNESDAY:** Our Scripture Circle will be back on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

***FRIDAY:** St. James Cathedral's Drop-In will offer a special **New Year's lunch on Friday, December 30** from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

***SATURDAY:** Watch Morning Prayer - 8:30am via the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

***SUNDAY: Coffee Hour:** Please note that there will not be a coffee hour on New Year's Day, January 1, 2023. Our Regular Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

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Readings for

next Sunday,

January 1:

Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 8

Galatians 4: 4-7

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