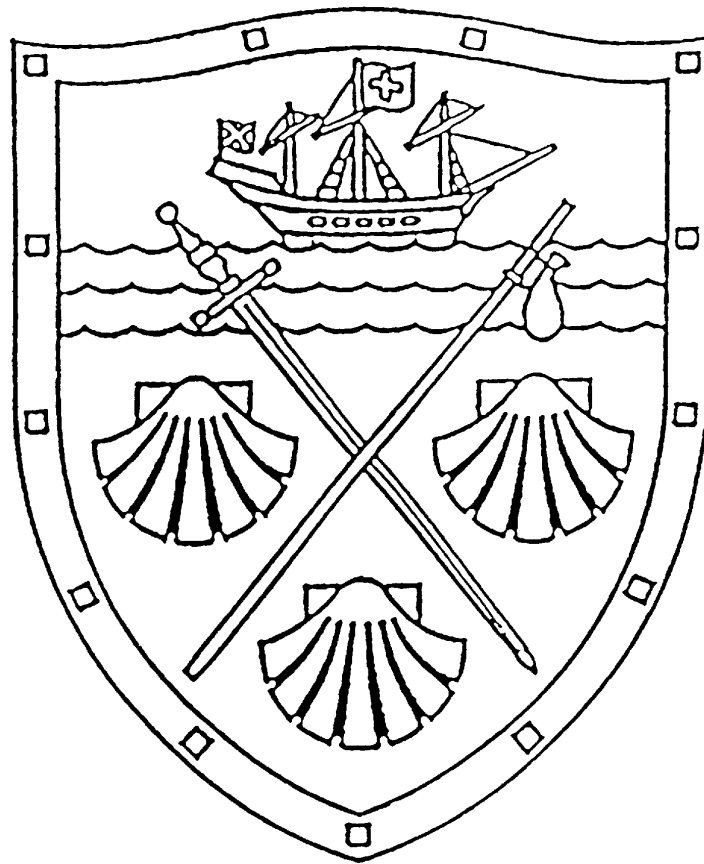


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

Choral Eucharist 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 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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Today at St. James

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger

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Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Nathan Jeffery

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

*The Flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's
goodness and mercy.*

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning.

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

***Please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable during the service,
including times of prayer.***

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Missa ad Praesepe by George Malcolm

Prelude Variations on a Timeless Theme *Robert Fleming*
(Conditor Alme Siderum) - Variations 1 through 7

Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather at the Advent wreath before proceeding to the Library 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 also with you.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Fourth Candle - Love

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Today the candles of **HOPE**, **PEACE** and **JOY** continue to burn in the Advent Wreath. On this the fourth Sunday in Advent, we will light the candle of **LOVE** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Jesus shows us the way of love, for he is the love of God in human flesh. Jesus says to us, “*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another*”.

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

The fourth candle is lit.

Leader Let us pray:

People **Teach us to love, O God of Love. As we prepare for our celebration of the birth of your Son, fill our hearts with his love for you, our families, our neighbours, your church and the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Divinum Mysterium

Of the Father's heart begotten
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain,
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sybil
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealèd
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; translated by Roby Furley Davis;
Music: Plainsong Melody; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582.

Presider
People

Almighty God,
**unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify
thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Choir

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

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy and fill our mouths with songs of praise, so that we may announce glad tidings of peace and welcome your Christ into our midst.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11

Reader Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders[a] of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 89 (1-4, 19-26)– Chant by J. Battishill

Choir

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all
generations.
I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.
For you said: ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
“Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all generations.”’
You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
‘I have set a youth above the mighty; I have raised a young man over
the people.
‘I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
‘My hand shall hold him fast
and my arm shall strengthen him.
‘No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked person afflict him.
‘I will strike down his foes before his face
and beat down those that hate him.
‘My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his head be exalted.
‘I will set his dominion upon the sea
and his right hand upon the rivers.
‘He shall call to me, “You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation;”

The Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Reader

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Choir I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.
People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

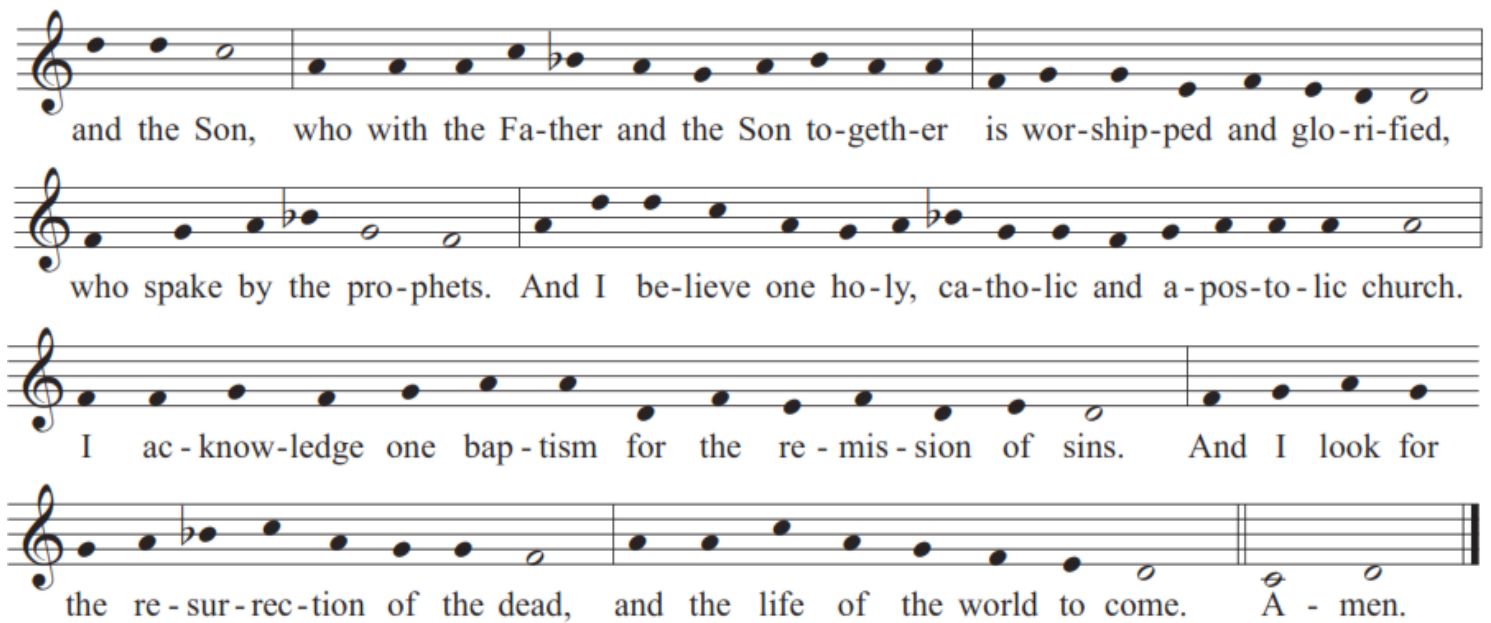
Homily

The Nicene Creed

Presider *All* *Merbecke*



I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
and of all things vi-si-ble and in-vi-si-ble; and in one Lord Je-sus Christ,
the on-ly be-got-ten Son of God, be-got-ten of the Fa-ther be-fore all worlds,
God of God; Light of Light; ve-ry God of ve-ry God, be-got-ten, not made;
be-ing of one sub-stance with the Fa-ther, through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our sal-va-tion came down from heaven, and was in-car-nate
by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man, and was cru-ci-fied
al-so for us un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, He suf-fer-ed and was bu-ri-ed,
and the third day he rose a-gain ac-cord-ing to the scrip-tures, and as-cen-ded in-to heaven,
and sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa-ther. And he shall come a-gain with glo-ry
to judge both the quick and the dead: whose king-dom shall have no end.
And I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost, the Lord, the giv-er of life, who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther



Prayers of the People

Presider In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying,
 “Lord Jesus, we await your coming!”

Pause

Intercessor Lord Jesus,

People **We await your coming!**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and 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: Puer Nobis Nascitur

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Text: St. Ambrose, tr. John Mason Neale
Music: Melody Michael Praetorius; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward

Presider Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of
your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the 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 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.

Presider Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all, of this; 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 Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

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

Presider And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with 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 has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider *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 those who 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

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

People Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 your peace.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.
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 the Lady Chapel.
**It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.
Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Lady Altar.***

Communion Hymn

Tune: Angel Gabriel

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,
"most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree:
a blessed virgin mother you shall be.
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

Motet Ave Generosa

Ola Gjeilo

Choir Hail, nobly born, O Maiden,
honoured and inviolate.
You are the piercing gaze of holiness,
the one who pleased God.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this 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 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: Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore!

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go to the world in peace and loving service.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Variations on a Timeless Theme
 (Conditor Alme Siderum) - Variations 8

Robert Fleming

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Susan Johnson, National Bishop, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Children's ministry in the Diocese and the Scripture Circle</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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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 24, 2023

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL



With deep gratitude to all here who do so much for this community – for Sextons and Vergers, for Property staff and volunteers, for inspiring organists and such talented singers, for Sidespersons and Stewards, for administrative staff, for all who mean so much – our best wishes and fondest hopes for a wonderful Christmas.

Thank you all!

The Very Reverend Peter Wall
Interim Dean & Priest in Charge

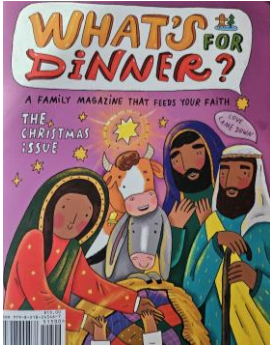
Please join us for these special Christmas services:

TODAY	TOMORROW
Sunday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve	Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day:
8:00am: Said Eucharist 9:00am: Sung Eucharist 11:00am: Choral Eucharist* 4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital* 4:30pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* 7:30pm: Choral Eucharist*	8:00am: Said Eucharist 9:00am: Sung Eucharist 11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

*Services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/anglicandioto

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Christmas resources available for families



Help children know the true reason for the season with some colourful, engaging, interactive resources. These Christmas books for children and families will help tell the Christmas story:

Christmas Ornament Book (\$2); What's for Dinner Family Magazine (\$10) and Christmas Family Time (\$5).

For more information:

Karyne Whalen our Minister of Children, Youth, and Families at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

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Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Bart's Regent Park

Sunday, 24 December at 11:00pm preceded by Gallery Carols at 10:30pm

Christmas Food Drive: St. Bart's Food Bank needs our help

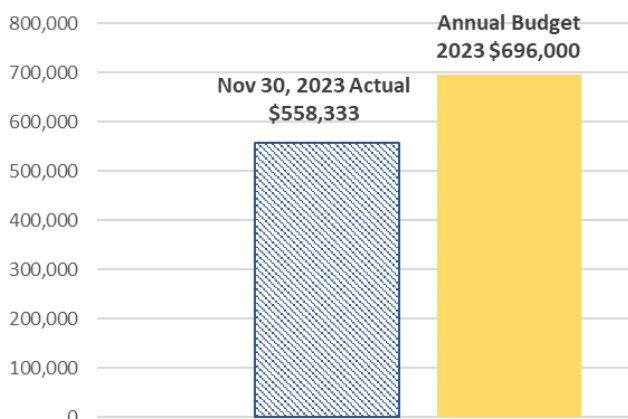


Please donate non-perishable food items in the **red bin** located in the **Cathedral** (King Street entrance) **by December 31**.

At St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church: Donations may be made to designated "Food Bank," either by cheque or by e-transfer to stbartstoronto@outlook.com. **Contact St. Bart's:** 416-368-9180
509 Dundas St E, Toronto - <https://stbartstoronto.ca/>

This is the giving season

Stewardship Offering



We thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

As of November 30, our stewardship contribution is 20% behind budget. We will need an additional donation of \$137,667 to make our budget this year. Your donation helps ensure the continuation of our vibrant ministries.

If you would like to make a year-end donation, please do so by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2023.

LOOKING AHEAD – 2024

Monday, January 1, 2024: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee:



12:15pm: Said Eucharist

3:00pm: Festive Music*

3:30pm: Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto*

*Services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/anglicandioto

Sunday, January 7: Dean Peter's Farewell gift and celebration



On **January 7, 2024** we will say goodbye to the Very Reverend Peter Wall, our Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge. On behalf of our St. James community, we are sincerely grateful to Dean Peter for his ministry. **If you would like to contribute** to Dean Peter's farewell gift, you can make your gift at the Sunday offering - *specifying it is for the Dean's farewell gift*-, online through Tribute & Memorial Offerings *indicating it is for the Dean's farewell gift* - or drop it off at 65 Church St. Please **join us after the 11:00am service on January 7, 2024** to celebrate Dean Peter and his ministry at St. James Cathedral. Thank you, Dean Peter!

Sunday, January 14: Installation of the New Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral



On **January 14, 2024**, we will welcome The Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. He will be installed as Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral on Sunday, January 14, 2024, and begin this ministry on January 15, 2024. Dean Stephen will become the 14th Rector of the Cathedral Church of St. James and the 9th Dean of Toronto. Please welcome him and Jacqui with warmth and joy as we all begin a new ministry together in this place.

Please **join us after the 4:30pm service on Sunday, January 14.**

Sunday, March 10: Vestry 2024



Our 2024 Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 10, 2024, in Snell Hall after the 11:00am service**, chaired by our new Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. A light lunch will be offered.

Look for more information about open positions and the nomination process early in the new year.

Information about the deadline for reports and where to send them will also be sent out in early 2024. The Wardens

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am
will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024
via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm
from Wednesday, December 27
to Saturday, December 30
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

***The Cathedral Offices will be closed** from Monday, December 25 to Monday, January 1.

***The Cathedral** will be closed on Tuesday, December 26.

***From Wednesday, December 27 to Saturday, December 30:**

The Cathedral will be open from **10:00am – 3:00pm** with a 12:15pm Holy Eucharist on these days.

***FRIDAY:** The Drop-In will be celebrating New Year's Day on Dec. 29 at 1:30pm.

***SUNDAY: *Children & Families:** Our Sunday Children's Program meets at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

***TUESDAY:** Our Organ Recitals will be back on Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00pm.

***WEDNESDAY:** Our Scripture Circle will be back on Wednesday, January 10 at 11:00am.

Ways to Give: Make a special end-of-year gift!

We are all so blessed in God's economy and have the joyous opportunity of sharing our blessings with others. Please make a special end-of-year gift in four different ways:

***E-Transfer:** to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca If you require a tax receipt, please provide name and address in the message. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more after year-end. If you have questions, please contact gifts@stjamescathedral.ca

***Online:** <http://stjamescathedral.ca/donate>

***In-person:** 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. **Please make donations by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2023.**

***By mail:** to St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9.
(Cheques must be post-dated no later than December 31, 2023)

Services: Christmas Day & The First Sunday of Christmas

Readings for December 25:

The Birth of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Is 52:7-10

Ps 98

Heb 1:1-4

Jn 1:1-14

Readings for December 31:

The First Sunday after Christmas

Is 61:10-62:3

Ps 148

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:22-40

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