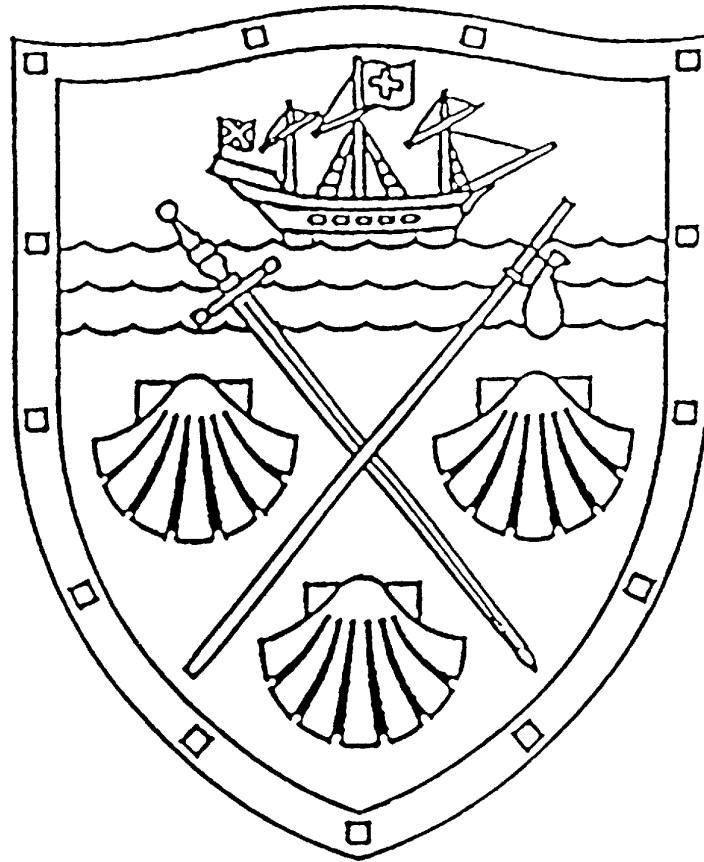


# The Cathedral Church of St. James

The First Sunday After Christmas

*December 31, 2023*

*Choral Eucharist at 11:00am*



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

## **Welcome to St. James Cathedral**

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### **Liturgical Note**

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*Sub-Deacon: Matthew Waterman*

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*First Reader: Don Solomon • Second Reader: Debra Solomon*

*Intercessor: Daisy Pittis • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT*

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*Communion Ministers: Stanley Baptiste, Yvonne Joseph & Paul Seddon*

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

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*and in loving memory of Carl I. Keddy.*

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

***Please ensure that cell phones are muted.***

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including times of prayer.***

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Mass Setting: Mass for the Quiet Hour by Oldroyd*

**Prelude**    Noel X *Louis Daquin*  
              Noel XII “Suisse” *Louis Daquin*

## Welcome & Announcements

**Hymn** Tune: Regent Square

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.*

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star:  
*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.*

*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.**

*Presider*    Almighty God,  
*People*     **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.

*During the Gloria, children are invited to gather at the chancel steps before proceeding to the Library in the Cathedral Centre for Sunday School; they will return at the offertory.*

## Gloria

*Presider* *Merbecke*

*Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all. We praise thee,*  
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav-en - ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty,  
O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa - ther, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.  
For thou on-ly art ho - ly, thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of Promise, you renew your gift to those whose faces are lined and whose hearts are filled by the passage of years: help us, with Simeon and Anna, to see beyond the surface the face and heart of God in Jesus Christ, the given child.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

*Reader* I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm

*Psalm 148—Chant by Walter Paratt*

*Choir*

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels;

praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens,

and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
     for he commanded and they were created.  
 He made them fast for ever and ever;  
     he gave them a law which shall not pass away.  
 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
     you sea monsters and all deeps;  
 Fire and hail, snow and mist,  
     tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;  
 Mountains and all hills,  
     fruit trees and all cedars;  
 Wild beasts and all cattle,  
     creeping things and birds on the wing;  
 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
     princes and all rulers of the world;  
 Young men and women, old and young together;  
     let them praise the name of the Lord.  
 For his name only is exalted,  
     his splendour above earth and heaven.  
 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful  
     servants,  
     the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
 Alleluia.

## **The Second Reading**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*Reader* But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Sussex Carol*

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

*Choir* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

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

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

*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* When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*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  
and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-gether is wor-ship-ped and glo-ri-fied,  
who spake by the pro-phets. And I be-lieve one ho-ly, ca-tho-lic and a-pos-to-lic church.  
I ac-know-ledge one bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins. And I look for  
the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men.

## Prayers of the People

*Presider* In joy and humility, let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying,  
“Lord, grant us peace.”

*Pause*

*Intercessor* Lord,

*People* **Grant us peace!**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and answer all these our prayers, as may  
be best for us, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*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: In Dulci Jubilo

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 (14<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1533.

*Presider* God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share  
in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask 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. Because in the mystery  
of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord. 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 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:

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The first staff is for the Presider and the second through fifth staves are for the All. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a single melodic line per part. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*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*      Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*      **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

## 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: Love Came Down

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.

## **Motet**

### **In the Bleak Midwinter**

*Harold Darke*

*Choir*

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.

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

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

*Presider* Let us go to the world in peace and loving service.

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

**Postlude** Finale from Widor 6

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for:            Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; Susan            Johnson, National Bishop, and the            Evangelical Lutheran Church in            Canada; The Chancellors and Vice-            Chancellors of the Diocese and the            Administrative managers and staff</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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\***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at 9:00am & 11:00am services.

\***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services.

\***2024 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up today in the West aisle.

### Merry, Merry Christmas!



As we continue to celebrate the Birth of our Lord this Christmas Season, we are beginning to look forward to the Baptism of our Lord on January 14<sup>th</sup> and the preparation of inquirers to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Making disciples is a shared ministry of the whole community for it is the lived faith of the community that we are called to share with those seeking new birth in Jesus Christ.

Jesus commissioned his disciples, saying, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.* (Matthew 28:19-20a)

In the ancient Church preparation for Baptism was done in stages over several weeks or months. It was carried out in the community of faith, not in private, and it culminated with the celebration of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. We are looking forward to adapting this practice to our ministry context. In fact, we will soon begin celebrating this process together.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring baptism, please don't hesitate to contact one of the clergy:

Beth Benson – [bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca)

Stephen Fields – [sfields@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca)

**Merry, Merry Christmas!**

## STAY UP TO DATE

### St. James Cathedral Photo Directory

Please send your **current photo** with your name **today** to [wardens@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:wardens@stjamescathedral.ca). Sending your photograph means you consent to it appearing on appropriate Cathedral platforms. Thank you!

### 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 today 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](mailto:stbartstoronto@outlook.com). **Contact St. Bart's:** 509 Dundas St E, Toronto - 416-368-9180 - [stbartstoronto.ca/](http://stbartstoronto.ca/)

### Wednesday, January 3: Holy Eucharist at St. James Cemetery

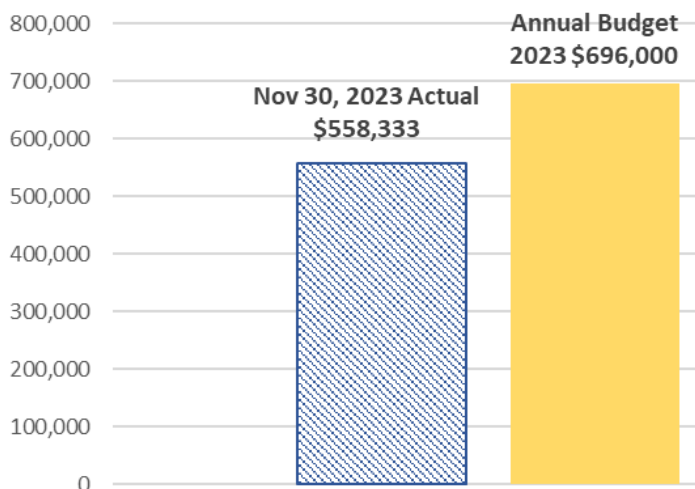
The first Wednesday of each month at 11:00am, St. James Cemetery is inviting for Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of St. James the Less. All are welcome, invite your friends.

### Sunday, January 7: The York Group -All Cathedral Women Survey

The York Group is conducting a survey and would like your feedback. Printed surveys are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please answer the two questions and return your paper no later than January 7, 2024. Thank you very much.

### 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](https://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. 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.

### 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**

from Tuesday, Jan. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024  
via the Cathedral YouTube channel

**Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**

from Tuesday, Jan. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024  
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

**\*The Cathedral Offices will be closed** on Monday, January 1.

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

**\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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 today 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 today, 2023)**

### Sunday Services – January 7, 2024

**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://youtube.com/tordio135)).*

**4:30pm:** Choral Eucharist  
*(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto))*

**Readings for January 7:**

**The Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 6)**  
(Transferred)

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-7, 10-14

Eph 3:1-12

Mt 2:1-12

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