

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Choral Eucharist at 11:00am

*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, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. 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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Sunday School meets every week at the 9:00am & 11:00am service.
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Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
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Coffee Hour

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

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Deacon: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Sub-Deacon: David Grant

Anointer: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

First Reader: Brainerd Blyden-Taylor • Second Reader: Debra Solomon

Intercessor: Bob Hart, ODT • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT

Advent Wreath Readers: Sean Hopperton & Sarah Rodrigues

Communion Ministers: Denise Byard, Mary Hopperton & Brainerd Blyden-Taylor

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

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jean-Paul Feo • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

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

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Our practice during this liturgy is to stand when we sing and during the proclamation of the Gospel, sit for other Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and stand, sit, or kneel for prayer. These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you during the service.

Music of the Mass: Missa ad Praesepe by George Malcolm

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather around the Advent wreath before proceeding to the Library for Sunday School; 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 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 light the candle of **LOVE** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus.

Reader Jesus said, "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 **God of love, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, fill our hearts with love for you and for all people. Amen.**

Please stand.

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

Hymn

All 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.

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
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. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

God of promise, you look with favour on the lowly, you scatter the proud and you fill the hungry. May we, like Mary, respond to your call and be obedient to your will; through Jesus Christ who is to come.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Micah 5:2-5

Reader But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18 (Luke 1:46-55)

Chant by Walter Parratt

Choir My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown the strength with his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
Casting down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Veni Emmanuel

Gospel Acclamation

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Deacon In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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

Homily **The Reign of God: Love for the World**

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Merbecke

Presider

I believe in one God,

All **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.**

Please adopt a posture of prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Presider

Let us offer prayers in the spirit of Mary who believed there would be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord, saying, “Lord Jesus, come soon!”

Intercessor

Lord Jesus,

People **Come soon!**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider

Gracious God, fill our hungry souls with the good things of your kingdom, remembering the mercy you have shown to us and to all people in Christ our Saviour.

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

Please stand.

We offer each other a sign of peace.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Divinum Mysterium

All 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 revealed
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.

Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 adopt a posture of prayer.

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:

<i>Presider</i>	<i>All</i>
<p>Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,</p>	
<p>thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,</p>	
<p>And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.</p>	
<p>And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.</p>	
<p>For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A - men.</p>	

Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **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 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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

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.

Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Baptistry.

Communion Hymn

Tune: Es Ist Ein'Ros

All Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Text; St. 1-2, German (15th cent.); tr. Theodore Baker.

St. 3, Friedrich Layritz; tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth.

Music: Melody Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, Koln, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius

Motet**Ave Maria***Robert Parsons**Choir*

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion*Please stand.**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,

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: Woodlands

All 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!

Text: Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-56); para. Timothy Dudley-Smith; Music: Walter Greatorex.
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Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that God loves.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Enid Corbett, Diocesan President and the Cathedral Council</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 and The Reverend Matthew Waterman: mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865, ext. 254</p>

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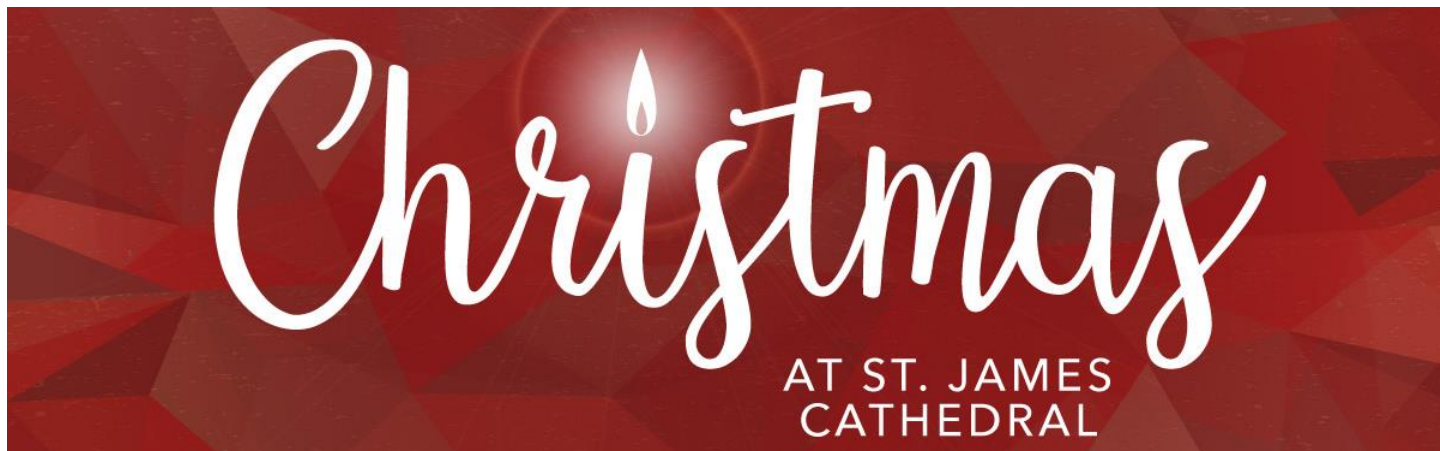
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 22, 2024

Sunday Children's Program: Invite the little ones to the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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

Thank you to Canon Beth: Join us today after the 11:00am service in Snell Hall.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West Aisle.



Let's celebrate together the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem. Everyone is invited. Join us with your family, friends and invite your neighbours!

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital*

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

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist*

Wednesday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

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

Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 4:30pm:

Epiphany Lessons and Carols with the Chalking of the Doors

Join us for this beautiful service of readings and carols as we worship in the footsteps of the wise men and celebrate the Epiphany. The choral music, congregational carols, and readings will trace the story of the wise men and the early ministry of Jesus. We will also dedicate the building through the ancient ceremony of the chalking of the doors, blessing the cathedral and all who will enter during the coming year. This is a beautiful way to mark the beginning of the New Year. The service will begin with an organ recital at 4:00pm.

All are most welcome!

Sunday, February 2 at 4:30pm: Matthew's Ordination

Good news! Deacon Matthew Waterman will be ordained a priest on Sunday, February 2 (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) at 4:30pm in the Cathedral. More details to come.

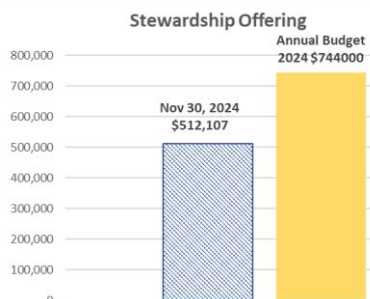
Today after the 11:00am service: Thank you to Canon Beth



Join us at Coffee Hour to honour Canon Beth Benson for her wonderful ministry at St. James Cathedral. We are grateful for all she has done for our congregation over the past years and for her warm and gracious presence. If you wish to contribute to the farewell gift, donate online, by envelope on the Offertory Plate indicating “*Tribute Gift for Canon Beth*”, by transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca Please note: This gift is non-receiptable.

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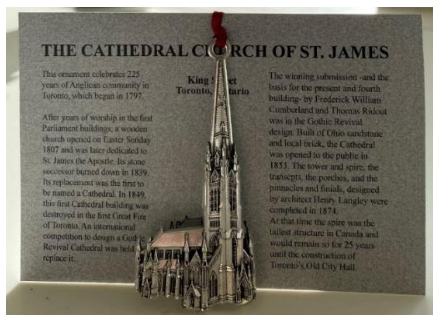


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If you'd like to speak with someone directly about ways to give, please contact us at 416-364-7865 or email Serena at sli@stjamescathedral.ca.



Christmas gifts: Pewter Cathedral Ornaments

Ornaments come in a bag with a ribbon and a cathedral history card. Get yours at \$25 each at the front desk from 9:00am to 3:00pm until tomorrow December 23.

Give an elegant and beautiful gift to your family, friends, and neighbours.

This is the perfect ornament for any Christmas tree!

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee:



12:15pm: Said Eucharist

1:30pm-2:45pm: Receiving Line and Reception.

2:45pm: Festive Music with brass quintet*

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

*Services will also be live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto
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January 8-February 23: Scripture Circle - Epiphany Encounter with Christ

Join us during Epiphany on Wednesdays at 11:00am and Sundays following the 11:00am service for a Scripture Circle series designed for newcomers to the Cathedral and for established members looking to encounter Christ afresh.

We will look at the mysterious and symbolic description of Jesus in Revelation 1.12-16 and learn about how Jesus continues to minister to us and among us today.

The World Day of Prayer 2025 is coming to St. James Cathedral



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement with an annual prayer service that gathers Christians worldwide for a time of learning, prayer, and fellowship.

Preparation begins soon and you are invited!

WDP Festival Day: January 11, 2025 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto. Registration begins at 9:00am.

More info: wdpcanada.ca

World Day of Prayer hosted by St. James Cathedral on March 8, 2025 at 2:00pm. More information to come.

January 22 at 2:00pm: York Group event with the Refugee Committee



The York Group warmly invites you to join us for a speaker event in the Cathedral Centre with Rebecca McTaggart, Co-Chairperson of the St. James and Community Refugee Committee. Come and hear about some of the individuals currently being assisted through this important and life-changing work. No RSVP needed.

Sunday, March 9, 2025: Vestry Meeting

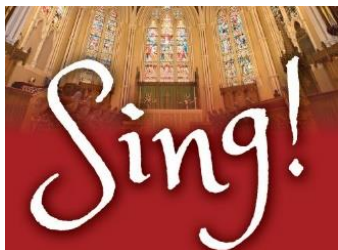


Our 2024 Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025 in Snell Hall chaired by our Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. There will be one combined service at 10:00am and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service.

More information will come. Stay tuned.

This is a message from The Wardens.

Sing with us!



The Choir of St. James Cathedral welcomes applications for singers with musical experience. If you would like to join one of our choirs or know of others who would like to, contact Thomas Bell, Director of Music at tbell@stjamescathedral.ca, who would be delighted to hear from you.

All voices are welcome!

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am

will stop on Tuesday, December 24, and resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025 via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

will stop on Tuesday, December 24, and resume on Friday, December 27 in the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

Cathedral Centre will be closed from Dec. 24 at 3:00pm until Jan. 1. Regular hours will resume on Jan. 2.

The Cathedral will be closed on Dec. 26 and re-open on Dec. 27 for regular services.

The Drop-In will be celebrating New Year on Friday, Dec. 27 at 1:00pm.

Services: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Readings for December 24:

Christmas Eve

Is-9:2-7

Ps-96

Tit-2:11-14

Lk 2:1-20

Readings for December 25:

Christmas Day

Is 61:10-62:3

Ps 98

Heb-1:1-4

Jn-1:1-14

St. James Cemetery: Pre-planning services/Plots available.

The Cemetery office will be closed on Dec 25, 26, and Jan 1.

The Cemetery Gates hours stay the same from 8:00am to 5:00pm, seven days a week.

Contact: 416-964-9194 / cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca / www.stjamescemetery.ca

Add a special touch of remembrance for the season to honor your loved one!



Joining the Seasonal Wreath program at St. James Cemetery & Crematorium is one of the best ways to express your appreciation to your loved ones and all the faithful departed. Book your beautiful wreath in advance. For more information call 416-964-9194, visit stjamescemetery.ca, or email cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca

Preplan your funeral and cemetery services



Preplanning gives you peace of mind and the opportunity to make your wishes known. Cathedral clergy are available to assist with funeral plans and our cemetery staff would be pleased to help you preplan your interment and other cemetery services. Protect yourself from future inflationary increases, too. For more information: Contact the Vicar at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca or George Vrozos our Cemetery Manager.

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