

# **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*December 22, 2024*  
*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, 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.*

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### 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.  
**Assisted hearing devices** are available from the sidespersons.

### Coffee Hour

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

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## Today at St. James

*Presider: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson*

*Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields*

*Deacon: The Reverend Matthew Waterman*

*Anointer: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance*

*Reader: Irene Bailey • Intercessor: Matt Jaeger*

*Advent Wreath Readers: Matt Jaeger & Karyne Whalen*

*Stewards: Bassel Dick & Paul Melville-Gray • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT*

*Communion Ministers: Rob Haines, Bob Hart, ODT & Matt Jaeger*

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

*Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jean-Paul Feo • Sung by The Singers 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: The St. James Christmas Service arr. Mark Schweitzer*

### 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 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 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.**

### Hymn

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

*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

## **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)

*Plainsong, Tone I. i*



*Cantor* My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

*All* **From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

*Cantor* He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every gen-er-ation.

*All* **He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their con-ceit.**

*Cantor* He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

*All* **He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent a-way empty.**

*Cantor* He has come to the help of his ser-vant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

*All* **the promise he made to our fathers,  
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! Alleluia!**

*Cantor*           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 1:39-45*

*Deacon*           The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

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

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Please stand.*

*Presider*          Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All*                **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence*

*All* Most merciful God,  
**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.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.*



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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 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.

### 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 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 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

Ho - ly. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please adopt a posture of prayer.*

*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 Christ 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 sins. 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.

*People*

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Presider*

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.

*People*

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Presider*

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

*People*

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*McNeil Robinson*

*Presider*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. Forgive us our sins,  
 As we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the kingdom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours,  
 now and forever. A - men.

*Silence*

### The Breaking of the Bread

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

*All* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

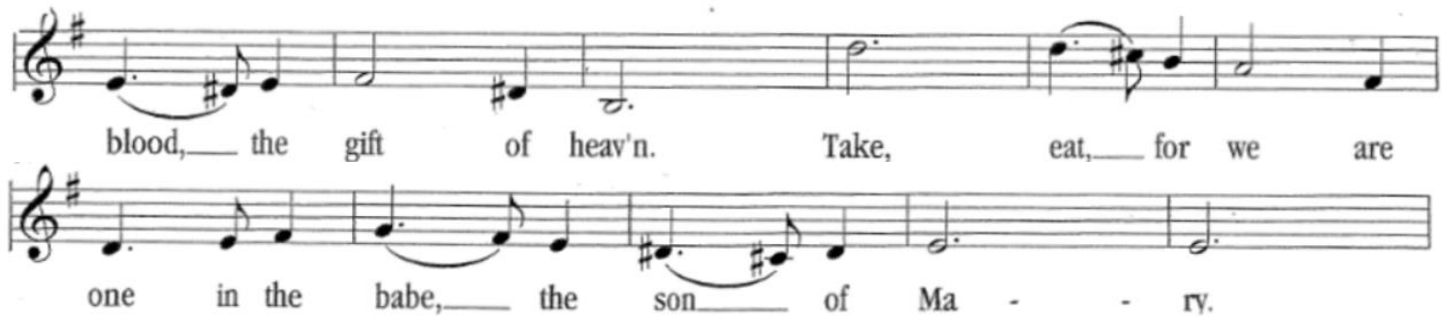
### The Communion

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly Child, who takes the  
 sin of the world a - way; Have mer - cy on us, lamb so  
 mild, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.  
 This, this is your bo - dy giv'n, your pre - cious



*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**

*All* 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!

## **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!

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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 &amp; Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: <a href="mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca">sfields@stjamescathedral.ca</a>; 416-364-7865, ext. 235 and The Reverend Matthew Waterman: <a href="mailto:mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca">mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca</a>, 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](https://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](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca) Please note: This gift is non-receiptable.

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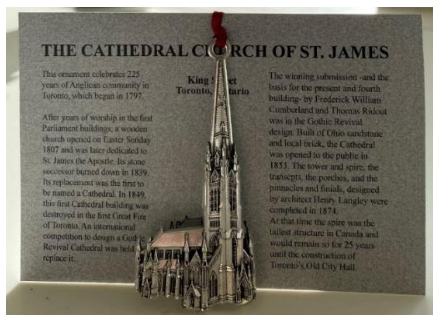


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**In-person:** Drop off an offering to the secure mailbox which is mounted in the Church Street vestibule at the entrance of the doors at 65 Church Street by December 31.

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](mailto: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](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)  
All are welcome!

## 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](http://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

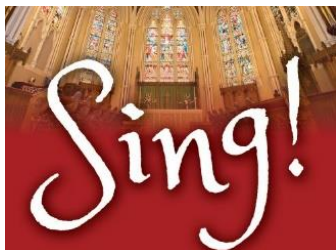


Our 2024 Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025 in Snell Hall chaired by our Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. There will be one combined service at 10:00am and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service.

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](mailto: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](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) / [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://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](http://stjamescemetery.ca), or email [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto: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](mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca) or George Vrozos our Cemetery Manager.

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