



Choral Evensong & Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

The Naming of Jesus
January 1, 2025 at 3:30pm

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

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

<i>Presider</i>	The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil <i>Bishop of Toronto</i>
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<i>Readers</i>	Nancy Cutler Philip Conliffe
<i>Intercessor</i>	The Reverend Matthew Waterman <i>Assistant Curate</i>
<i>Land Acknowledgement</i>	Denise Byard <i>Postulant</i>
<i>Music Director & Organist</i>	Thomas Bell
<i>Associate Organist</i>	Nathan Jeffery
<i>Sung by</i>	Members of the Choir of St. James Cathedral
<i>The Bells of Old York</i>	The Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers
<i>Tower Captain</i>	Dan Tregunno

2:45pm FESTIVE BRASS QUINTET

*Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today.
Please ensure that cell phones are muted.*

3:30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Introit This is the Day that the Lord has Made

Anon

All This is the Day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

From 16th Century

Please stand.

Tune: King's Weston

Processional Hymn

All At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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Land Acknowledgement

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 Niigaanigichigami/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.

Preces and Responses

Smith

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 148

Chant by Frederick Ouseley

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12

Reader

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. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Magnificat*Please stand.**Herbert Sumson in A**Choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson*Please be seated.**John 16:23b-30**Reader*

Jesus said, Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

‘I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.’

His disciples said, ‘Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.’

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis *Please stand.*

Herbert Sumson in A

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God
All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his
only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; the Communion
of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the
Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel or be seated.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

All **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects

Officiant Eternal One, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ne God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Anthem **The Lord bless you and keep you**

John Rutter

Choir The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace

Amen.

Homily

Hymn

All

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon Your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of Life, in all Your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

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Gary Spence
Michael Willmot
Diana Wong

Prayers

Officiant As we welcome a new year of grace, let us pray with one heart and voice to the Lord of all the ages, saying, “Lord whose mercy is great, hear our prayer
Silence

Intercessor Lord whose mercy is great,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Please adopt a posture of prayer.

Intercessor Triune God, grant us your gracious, guiding presence as we prepare to enter the new year. As we join Christians of every time who have awaited Jesus' return, lead us into this new time, confident that your promises will be fulfilled. Lord whose mercy is great,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Prince of Peace, healer and reconciler, heal the divisions in your Church and among the peoples of the world. Enable us to work for the unity for which you prayed. Be with us on our ecumenical journey, and with those sisters and brothers who surround us in the great cloud of witnesses. Lord whose mercy is great,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Spirit of Truth, call us to repentance at the beginning of this new year. Forgive us for past unfaithfulness, silence in the face of injustice and inaction amid suffering. Move us from the desire to hoard our wealth toward faithful stewardship. Help us to share your gifts with those who cry out for daily bread. Lord whose mercy is great,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit, God of all ages, release us from fear. Lead us forward, even as you have led your Church forward

from an empty cross and tomb down through the ages. Be our companion as we walk unexplored paths into an unknown future. Open us to new possibilities. Renew our hope. Grant us faith to move ahead. Be our companion in this year of grace. Lord whose mercy is great,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Officiant God of all ages, release us from fear. Lead us forward, even as you have led your people from the beginning. Be our companion as we walk unexplored paths into an unknown future. Open us to new possibilities. Renew our hope. Grant us faith to move ahead. Let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts, and giving light to our minds so that we may pass the coming year with faith and in joyful obedience to your will; through him who is the alpha and omega, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Bishop May Almighty God, who sent the Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Saviour's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you God's peace and favour.

People **Amen.**

Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Lobe den Herren

All Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.

Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end, Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.

Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that Name, Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.

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Postlude In Dir Ist Freude BWV 615

J. S. Bach

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Diocesan Events in 2025

February

Clergy PreLenten Day – Tuesday, February 25 (*St James Cathedral, in-person & livestreamed*)

March

Supporting Parish Leaders Workshops – Zoom (*attend one*)

- Monday, March 3 – evening
- Wednesday, March 19 – evening
- Saturday, March 22 - morning

Volunteer Conference – Friday, March 7 – Saturday, March 8 – Zoom

Season of Spiritual Renewal – Worship Gathering 1 – Saturday, March 22 (*St James Cathedral*)

Season of Spiritual Renewal – Worship Gathering 2 – Saturday, March 29 (*Trinity, Streetsville*)

Clergy Theology Day with the Diocese of Brasilia – Tuesday, March 25 (*10 am – 12 pm – Zoom*)

April

Community of Deacons Retreat – Saturday, April 5 (*St Matthew the Apostle, Oriole*)

Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows - Tuesday, April 15 - 10:30 am (*St James Cathedral*)

Diocesan ACW Annual General Meeting – Saturday, April 26 – Zoom

Diocesan Confirmation Service – Sunday, April 27 - 4:30 pm (*St James Cathedral*)

May

Ordination of Transitional Deacons - Sunday, May 4 - 4:30 pm (*St James Cathedral*)

Diocesan Clergy Conference – Monday, May 26 – Wednesday, May 28 (*Trent University*)

Lay Anointers Training Day – Saturday, May 31 (*Grace Church, Markham*)

Season of Spiritual Renewal – Worship Gathering 3 – Saturday, May 31 (*All Saints, Whitby*)

September

ReCharge – Diocesan Youth Retreat - Friday, September 26 - Sunday, September 28 – (*Muskoka Woods Camp*)

Season of Spiritual Renewal – Worship Gathering 4 – Saturday, September 27 (*St James, Orillia*)

October

Pre-Synod Meeting – Saturday, October 4 – *Zoom*

The Bishop's Company Dinner – Friday, October 17
Sheraton Parkway Toronto North

Outreach Conference - Saturday, October 18 – *Online*

Season of Spiritual Renewal – Worship Gathering 5 – Saturday, October 25
(*Trinity, Streetsville*)

November

Children's Ministry Conference – Saturday, November 1 (*Bayview Glen Alliance Church, Toronto*)

163rd Regular Session of Synod – Friday, November 7 – Saturday, November 8
(*Sheraton Parkway Toronto North*)

Other dates for 2025, and further details on the above events, will be announced as they are determined.



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