

Reign of Christ

November 23, 2025
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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Today at St. James

Presider: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Jillian Ruch

Anointer: The Reverend Matthew Waterman, David Grant • Sub-Deacon: Paul Seddon

First Reader: Wairimu Nduati • Second Reader: Tina Conlon

Intercessor: George McNeillie • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

*Communion Ministers: Leslie Derbecker, Leslie Laing, Wairimu Nduati,
Yvonne Odhomi and Joanne Short*

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

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: Communion Service in A and D by Herbert Sumson

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

Tune: Darwall

All Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the judge, shall come
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: John Darwall; Tune: Darwall

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,
All 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.

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

Merbecke

Presider *All* *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.

Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all the corners of the earth through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ, in whom all things are held together. Make us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit the kingdom of light and peace, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

Chant by Martin Luther

Choir God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
 God is in the midst of her;
 therefore shall she not be removed;
 God shall help her at the break of day.
 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
 but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
 The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
 Come and behold the works of the Lord,
 what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
 He makes wars to cease in all the world;
 he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
 and burns the chariots in the fire.
 ‘Be still, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be exalted in the earth.’
 The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

Reader May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from the Lord’s glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader The word of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***Choir* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!****The Holy Gospel***Luke 23:33-43**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* When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

The Prayers of the People

Presider Let us lift up our prayers to Christ the King, who reigns in glory yet draws near in mercy saying, “Exalted Lord and Shepherd of our Souls, hear our prayer.”

Silence

Intercessor Exalted Lord and Shepherd of our Souls,
People **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Exalted Lord and Shepherd of our Souls Gathering all our prayers into your reign of mercy, O Christ, we commend the world you love into your hands, for you live and reign with the our Creator and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All Almighty God,
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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

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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: Guiting Power

All Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing by your humble birth: *Refrain*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: *Refrain*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: *Refrain*

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song: *Refrain*

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. 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; whom thou didst exalt as Lord of all creation, that he might present unto thee an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.

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.

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.**

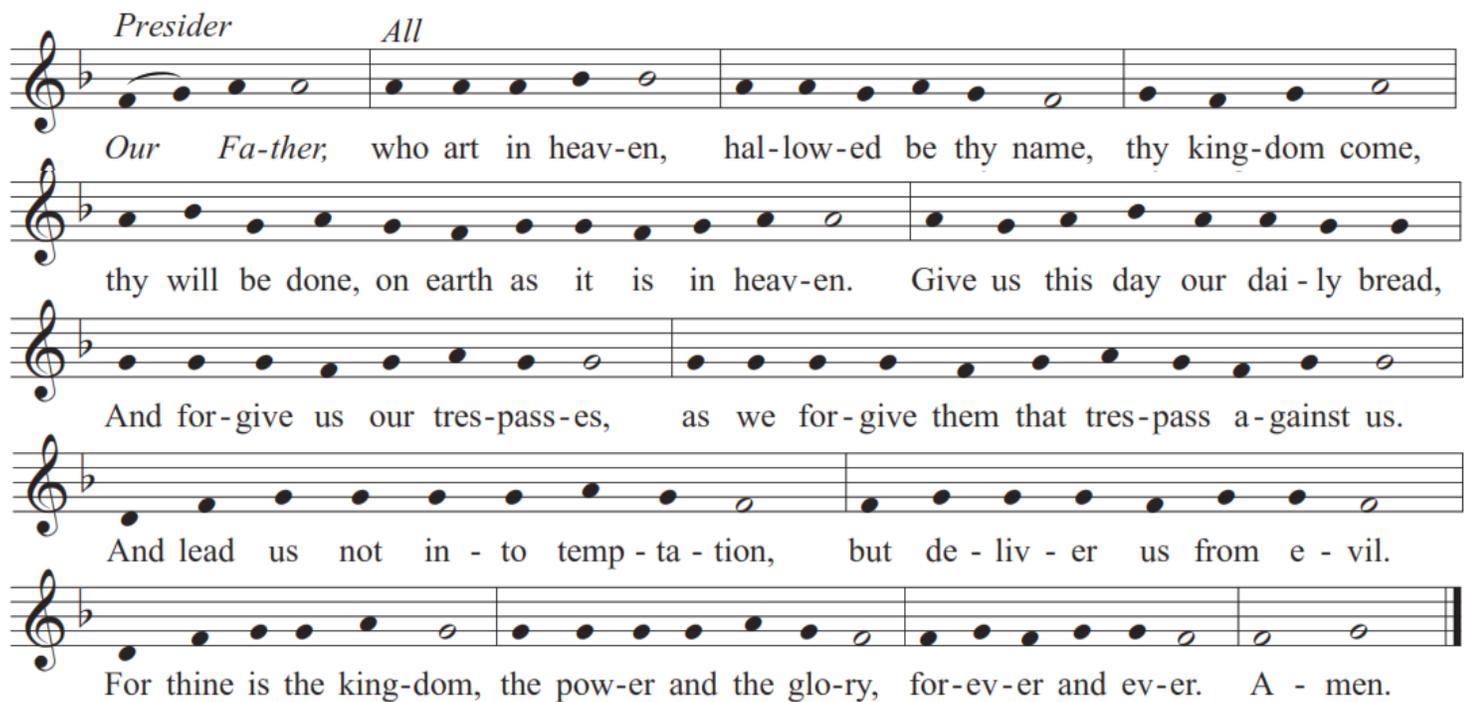
Presider And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say:



The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and style are indicated as 'Moderato'. The score is divided into two parts: 'Presider' and 'All'. The lyrics are: '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 them that 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.'

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 the Holy Sacrament or a blessing.*
- *Please approach the High Altar in single file and fill the altar rail from the right side. Exit through the door by the organ.*
- *Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the Lady Chapel.*
- *It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.*
- *You are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.*
- *Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Baptistry.*

Communion Hymn

Tune: Cresswell

All Love is His word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again;
love, only love, is his way.

Refrain

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord.
Better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast.
Christ at the table, host to the twelve;
love, only love, is his mark. *Refrain*

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign. *Refrain*

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,'
Love, only love, is his news. *Refrain*

Love is His news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. *Refrain*

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another; I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law. *Refrain*

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word. *Refrain*

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Motet
Choir

O Rex Gentium

Matthew Martin

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart;
O Keystone of the mighty arch of man,
come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. 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

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

All

Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of servants brave and true. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men, all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let love's unconquerable might your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Music: Melchior Vulpius

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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

*This week, please pray for:
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Faith Works
the Sidespersons and Stewards of the Cathedral*

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, November 23, 2025

Regular services at 8:00am, 9:00am (*Worship Together*), 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am.

Today at 1:00pm: The York Group's Annual General Meeting – Lecture Room.

Today at 4:30pm: Evensong Sermon Series with The Rev. Canon Andrew Federle.

“Merry Moments” returns to St. James!



After last year's wonderful response, we're delighted to once again offer these 30-minute Advent and Christmas "taster" services filled with beloved carols, readings, and a short homily. These gatherings are perfect for anyone, and especially those who may not usually attend church or find a full carol service a bit long. Multiple services will take place on Dec. 16, 18 & 20, so you can find one that fits your schedule, at lunch, after school pick-up, or between errands.

New this year: Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10:30am**, when our **Children's Community Choir** will lead Merry Moments. After the service, enjoy a **Nativity Animal Petting Zoo** on the West Lawn from **11:00am to 1:00pm**, with hot chocolate and snacks for all! Invite your friends and neighbours to this joyful, family-friendly event.

Come and share in the spirit of Christmas with us!

Beginning on Nov. 24 at 7:30pm: Baptism Preparation



Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, on Jan. 11. Preparation sessions will begin tomorrow, Nov. 24, and will take place online at 7:30pm each week.

To register, please follow this link: stjamescathedral.ca/worship/

Nov. 28 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night in the Cathedral



Join us for this free night of all things country for the whole family with the theme: *Country Jamboree!* No need to make dinner tonight. We will have free pizza, pie, themed drinks, and child-friendly rodeo games. After we share a meal together at 6:00pm, the Country Jamboree will begin! Invite family, friends, and children.

Info + RSVP here: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/

Nov. 29: HMCS York Band Concert to support our Drop-In program



HMCS York Band presents: Film & Broadway Favourites! Featuring music from Harry Potter, James Bond, Jurassic Park, Star Wars, and more! Doors (1:00pm), show (2:00pm). No reserved seating. Donations to support the Drop-In are welcome at the concert or here: stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online

Nov. 30: Organ Recital & Advent Lessons and Carols Service by Candlelight

ADVENT
LESSONS
& CAROLS

From Darkness to Light: Enter into the season of Advent with this seasonal favourite service of readings and music!

4:00pm: Organ Recital by Jean-Paul Feo

4:30pm: Advent Lessons & Carols

Until Dec. 8: Christmas Memorial Flowers in the Cathedral for the season



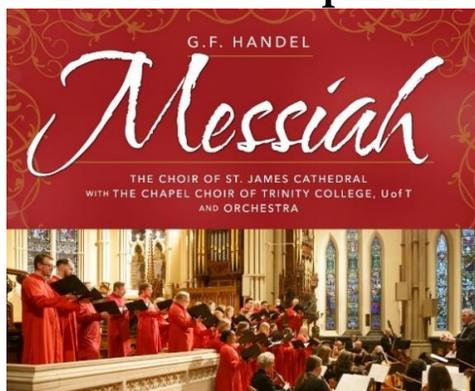
Please submit names to Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca, or place them in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate. Donations of \$45 or more per name/couple will support the Cathedral Flower Fund. Payment: E-transfer to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca (please add “Memorial Flowers” in your message), credit card, or online.

Dec. 9 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas – A Service of Hope



Christmas can be difficult for a variety of reasons. One may have lost a loved one, a job, suffered a broken relationship, or even be missing family or friends who are living in a different city, province, or country. Come and share in a special Service of Hope, sing familiar carols, hear the good news that the Christ Child brings, and help us trim the tree by hanging a dove and lighting a candle as we celebrate the coming of the one who is our Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Dec.13 at 7:30pm: *Messiah*. Celebrate Christmas with us. RSVP today.



Tickets: stjamescathedral.ca/messiah2025

Regular ticket: \$45 per person

Patron packages:

\$300 (2 tickets, reserved seating, names in the program, Wine & Cheese, tax receipt of \$170 issued in January).

\$150 (1 ticket, reserved seating, name in the program, Wine & Cheese, tax receipt of \$85 issued in January).

To become a Patron: (416)364-7865 Ext. 258 or send an email to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca

Share the Joy: Ways to support our Drop-In program this Christmas!



Volunteer with us: On Christmas (Dec. 19), on Boxing Day (Dec. 26), and in the New Year (Jan. 2). Shifts will run between 9:00am & 5:30pm.

Give a sweet treat: Help fill our Christmas bags with candy canes and chocolates that will be shared with our Drop-In guests this season.

Share a card of love: Donate any unused Christmas cards so our participants can send warm greetings to their friends and family.

Info: Kathy Biasi 416 364-7865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

Save the dates & celebrate the Christmas season with us. All are welcome!
Back by popular demand, we will blend again cherished traditions with exciting services.
Bring your family and friends to share in the joy and warmth of the season. Join us!



Christmas

AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:30PM Advent Lessons & Carols*

BLUE CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30PM A Service of Hope

MESSIAEN'S LA NATIVITÉ

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30PM Organ Recital by Rashaan Allwood

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30PM Christmas Lessons & Carols*

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00PM Festive Organ Recital*

4:30PM Lessons & Carols*

7:30PM Choral Eucharist*

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00AM Said Eucharist

10:30AM Choral Eucharist*

MERRY MOMENTS

30 MINUTES OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS,
SHORT READINGS & PRAYERS
FOR EVERYONE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00PM Merry Moments

6:00PM Merry Moments

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:00PM Merry Moments

5:30PM Merry Moments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:30AM Merry Moments
with the Children's Community Choir

11:00AM - 1:00PM **Nativity Animals**
on the West Lawn with hot chocolate and snacks

1:00PM Merry Moments



* Livestreamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel:
[youtube.com/@stjamescathedraltoronto](https://www.youtube.com/@stjamescathedraltoronto)

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel Monday to Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

Visit us: The Cathedral is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm.
The Cathedral Centre offices are open Monday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

Online Morning Prayer:

Join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral from Monday to Friday for Morning Prayer in our **Zoom Chapel**.

To access, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/MPatSJC> or scan the QR code. For more information, visit: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/



Tuesday: Organ Recitals in the Cathedral at 1:00pm. Free admission, donations welcome!

Wednesday: Scripture Circle gathers in the Cathedral Centre at 11:00am.

Thursday: Early Music at St. James at 1:00pm. Free admission, donations welcome!

Friday: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We welcome our guests for a nutritious meal.

Saturday: Children's Community Choir Rehearsal from 9:30am to 10:30am with rehearsals on Dec. 6, 13, 20, and resuming on Jan. 10, 2026.

St. James Cemetery: Seasonal Wreath program, Pre-planning services & Plots available.
Info: 416-964-9194, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca or visit stjamescemetery.ca

Sunday Services – Nov. 30, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

4:30pm: Advent Lessons & Carols*

**Live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*

Readings for

The First Sunday of Advent

Is 2: 1-5

Ps 122

Rom 13: 11-14

Mt 24: 36-44

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