

Reign of Christ

November 23, 2025
Choral Evensong at 4:30pm

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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(scroll to the bottom of the page).

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week at the 11:00am service.

Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
please email Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible All-gender 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

Please join us at Snell Hall following the 9:00am and 11:00am service.

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Today at St. James

Officiant: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Andrew Federle

Lector: Shawn Thorpe

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.
Please ensure that cell phones are muted.*

Choral Evensong

Our practice at Evensong is to stand for the choir processions, the canticles, and the hymn; to sit for the Bible readings, the Psalms and the homily; and to kneel or sit for prayer. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

Prelude I. Allegro from Trio Sonata No. 5, BWV 529

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Introit **St. Patrick's Breastplate**

Tune: Harold's Song by Stephanie Martin

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

St. Patrick of Ireland (372-466) adapted Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895)
The setting to these familiar words, "Harold's Song", was composed by Stephanie Martin in memory of The Rev. Canon Harold Nahabedian, a former priest of our Diocese and Honourary Canon of St. James Cathedral

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Matthew Martin

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor 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.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord;

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Chant by Walter Parratt

Choir People go forth to their work
and to their labour until the evening.
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
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

Genesis 2:4-15

Reader

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree

that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

'Gloucester Service' by Herbert Howells

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

Romans 8:18-25

Reader

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage

to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

'Gloucester Service' by Herbert Howells

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.**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor Our Father
Choir 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.

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Cantor 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.

Choir Amen.

Cantor 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.

Choir Amen.

Cantor 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.

Choir Amen.

Anthem For the Beauty of The Earth

John Rutter

Choir

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Over and around us lies
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn, our joyful hymn of praise
This our joyful hymn of praise

Homily A Renewed Church: What happens when we 'Strive to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation and Sustain and Renew the Life of the Earth'

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Tune: The Vicar of Bray

Hymn at the Collection

All Sing praise to God on mountain tops
and in earth's lowest places,
from blue lagoon to polar waste,
from ocean to oasis.
No random rock produced this world
but God's own will and wonder.
Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing
and clouds concur with thunder.

Sing praise to God where grasses grow
and flowers display their beauty,
where Nature weaves her myriad web
through love as much as duty.
The seasons in their cycle speak
of earth's complete provision.
Let nothing mock inherent good
or treat it with derision.

Sing praise to God where fishes swim
and birds fly in formation,
where animals of every kind
diversify creation.
All life that finds its home on earth
is meant to be respected.
Let nothing threaten, for base ends,
what God through grace perfected.

Sing praise to God where humankind
its majesty embraces,
where different races, creeds and tongues
distinguish different faces.
God's image in each child of earth
shall never pale or perish.
So treat with love each human soul
and thus God's goodness cherish.

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Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

God of abundance and growth, you water the seeds of faith and nourish us with your Spirit. Receive these gifts we bring, and bless them for the work of your kingdom, that your love may take root in every place, and your justice bear fruit in every heart. In Christ we pray.

People **Amen.**

Prayers

A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

Final Response

Edward Woodall Naylor

Cantor The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude Chorale Prelude on Wacht auf,
ruft uns die Stimme, Op. 67, No. 41

Max Reger

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



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



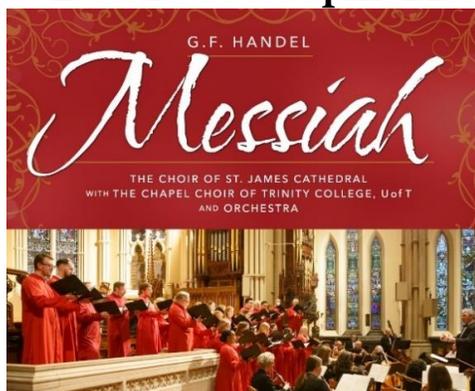
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Dec. 9 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas – A Service of Hope



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



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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.
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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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