



# **WORSHIP TOGETHER**

## **Reign of Christ**

***November 23, 2025 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.*

*For more information, visit our website by clicking the QR code on the right.*



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**Questions? Our greeters wearing name tags are here to help.**

### **Children & Families**

Children of all ages are invited to participate in and help lead our service. Our volunteers are here to tell you how you can help today or in the future.

For our youngest worshipers, a soft space for wiggling and crawling is offered at the front near the altar. If you need a changing table or quiet space to sit with your child, our St. George's Chapel is available just outside the rear doors of the sanctuary.

For more information about children and family programs, contact our Children, Youth, and Family Minister Karyne Whalen at [kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca).

To learn about our Children's Community Choir, contact Director Cara Halpin at [chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca).

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*We're glad you're here! At this service, people of all ages and abilities pray, sing, learn, lead, and grow in faith TOGETHER.*

*We know that all our brains and bodies are different, and we hope you will feel comfortable participating in the ways that are best for you.*

*All baptized Christians are ministers of God's Church. In this Eucharist we each contribute as co-celebrants with Christ, the Chief Celebrant, and both lay people and clergy serve in a variety of ways.*

*We invite you to offer your gifts by choosing a card from the "Help Us Worship Together" board or by talking with one of our clergy about pre-assigned lay roles like readers and greeters.*

*Today our presider is The Reverend Matthew Waterman and our homilist is The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts.*

*While our bulletin includes suggested postures for different parts of the service, these are traditional ways that Christians have participated in the liturgy with their bodies and are not required. Please use postures that support your own prayerful engagement in the service.*

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

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

*Please stand.*

*Convener* This is the day that the Lord has made.

***People*** We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Convener* We will give thanks and sing praise to God.

***People*** We will listen to God's Word and pray for God's people.

*Convener* We will come to God's table and be fed.

***People*** We will go out from this table and feed the world Christ calls us to serve.

*Convener* You are here with us, Jesus. Help us to show our love for you.

***All*** Amen.

***All are invited to walk in the procession if they wish! Please gather in the entrance of the Cathedral (Narthex) during the first verse to join in.***

### Opening 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!

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

## **Collect of Purity**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*All* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Gloria**

*Tune: Regent Square*

Glory be to God in heaven,  
Songs of joy and peace we bring,  
Thankful hearts and voices raising,  
To creation's Lord we sing:  
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,  
Glory be to God our king.

Lamb of God who on your shoulders,  
Bore the load of this world's sin,  
Only Son of God the Father,  
You have brought us peace within.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Now your glorious reign begin.

You, O Son of God, are holy,  
You we praise with one accord,  
None in heav'n or earth is like you,  
Only you are Christ the Lord,  
With the Father, and the Spirit,  
Ever worshipped and adored.

Text by Edwin Le Grice

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

Holy God, you are our refuge and strength, and you have gathered your children from all the corners of the earth, redeeming them through Jesus Christ, who holds all things together. Make us a people of justice and righteousness, that by your grace we may be worthy to inherit the kingdom of light and peace, where Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading

*Colossians 1:11-20*

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Colossians, chapter 1

May you be strengthened through the Lord's glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God's holy people. He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation, Because all things were created by him both in the heavens and on the earth, the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him. He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him.

He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything. Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him, and he reconciled all things to himself through him—whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 46

*From Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

*Reader* The psalm for today is Psalm 46. Please join me in the refrain:

**All** God is our strong fortress and we will not be afraid.

*Reader* 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 shake in the depths of the sea;  
though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**All** **God is our strong fortress and we will not be afraid.**

*Reader* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.  
The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**All** **God is our strong fortress and we will not be afraid.**

*Reader* Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;  
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, then, 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.

**All** **God is our strong fortress and we will not be afraid.**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Music** “Syrian Halleluia”

**All**

Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.



## The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader* This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ as told by Luke.

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

*Reader* When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

*Reader* The Good News of Christ.

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

## Homily

## The Apostles' Creed

*Please stand.*

*Presider* Together we declare our faith. After each question, please respond with "This we believe."

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

*People* **This we believe.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; who descended to the dead, and on the third day rose again; who ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and who will come again to judge the living and the dead?

*People* **This we believe.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

*People* **This we believe. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please adopt a posture of prayer.*

*Leader* In peace let us pray together, saying "God of love, hear our prayer."  
God of love,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* Holy God, you have heard our prayers. Now give us grace to work for those things we have asked of you, and answer our prayers in the way that you know is best for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Confession

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, God's love and mercy are limitless. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*All* **Loving God, we know that we have done wrong. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in love always. Amen.**

*Presider* Truly God's love and mercy are limitless. Know that you are forgiven, and Christ will help you to follow his ways. Amen.

**The Peace**

*Please stand.*

*Peace* The peace of Christ be always with you!

*Proclaimer*

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

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory**

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**Offertory Hymn**

Tune: The Servant King

**All** From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not My will but yours', he said. *Refrain*

Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving. *Refrain*

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Tune: The Servant King

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## Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* Eternal God, by your grace you have given us honoured places near the throne of Christ in heaven. Accept our offerings this day and help us to grow in goodness, that we may become the people you created us to be. 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* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

*People* **♪ Glory to you for ever and ever. ♪**

*Presider* You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

*People* ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

*Presider* On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

*People* ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

*Presider* Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

*People* ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

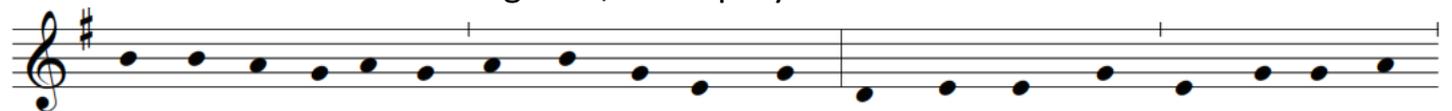
*Presider* Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*People* ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

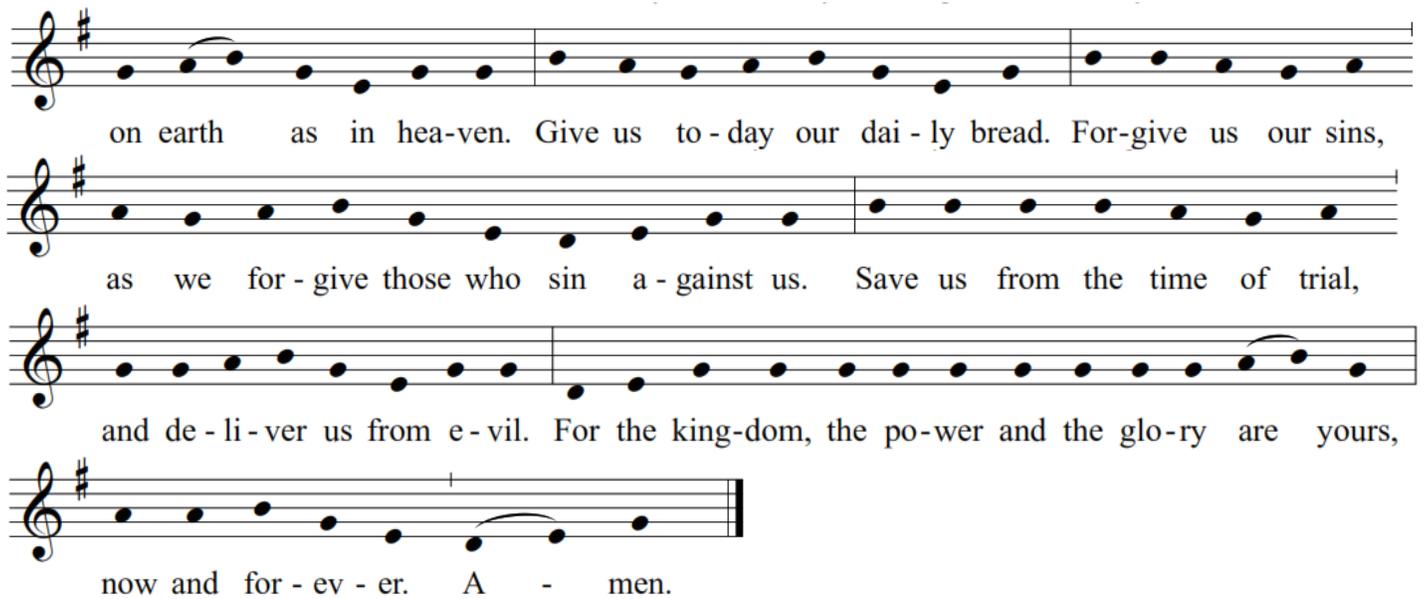
## The Lord's Prayer

*McNeil Robinson*

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,  
 as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
 and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,  
 now and for-ev-er. A - men.

*Silence*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

### **The Communion**

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

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

*You are invited to receive communion or a blessing. To receive communion, hold your hands out as you approach the server. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, let the priest know. You may either sip from the chalice of wine or pause in prayer in front of it; dipping the wafer in the wine is not permitted for health reasons.*

### **Communion Music**

*Choir* Here is bread, here is wine,  
 Christ is with us—he is with us;  
 break the bread, drink the wine—  
 Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,  
 Christ is with us—he is with us;  
 know his grace, find his peace—  
 feast on Jesus here.

*In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup there's life forever;  
in this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here.*

Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us—he is with us;  
we'll proclaim, till he comes—  
Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

Text: Graham Kendrick  
Music: arr. David Iliff

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## Communion Hymn

**All** Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

Text & Music: John L. Bell

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## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

**Presider** Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for feeding us here with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. May we who share this sacrament be witnesses to the risen life of Christ and the salvation you offer to the world.

**People** Amen.

## Doxology

**Presider** Glory to God,

**All** 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 blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

## Announcements

## Closing Hymn

Tune: Diademata

*All* Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges  
Music: George Job Elvey

## Dismissal

*Sender* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### PRAYER CYCLE

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

### PASTORAL CARE

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team, please email [pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca) or calling 416-364-7865, and leave a message.

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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/](http://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/](http://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](http://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



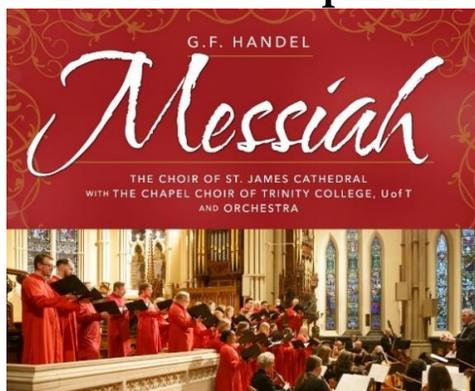
Please submit names to Serena Li at [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca), or place them in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate. Donations of \$45 or more per name/couple will support the Cathedral Flower Fund. Payment: E-transfer to [gifts@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:gifts@stjamescathedral.ca) (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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) or visit [stjamescemetery.ca](http://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](http://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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