

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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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For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
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Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible All-gender Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
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Please join us at Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am service.

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Lynn Braye

Anointer: The Reverend Matthew Waterman • Sub-Deacon: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

First Reader: Christoph Pike • Second Reader: Richard Harrop

Intercessor: Daisy Pittis • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Communion Ministers: Stanley Baptiste, David Grant, Yvonne Joseph

Aidan Hopperton & Brainerd Blyden-Taylor

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 and in loving memory of

Vincenzina Eva Sorbara-Toderick, Jayne Leslie Toderick and

Lois Ann Toderick

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: Missa Brevis #4 Divinum Mysterium by Healey Willan

Prelude I. "First Prelude", from Three Short Preludes *Edward Bairstow*
for the Organ

Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather around the Advent wreath before proceeding to the Library for Sunday School; they will return at the offertory.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Second Candle - Peace

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The first candle in the Advent Wreath, the candle of **hope** continues to burn. Today we light the second candle, the candle of **PEACE**.

The second candle is lit.

Isaiah foretells the coming of the One who will judge with righteousness, where the wolf shall live with the lamb and a little child shall lead them. Paul proclaims that Christ came for Jew and Gentile alike, that we may live together in harmony and peace. As we prepare the way of the Lord, we welcome the Prince of Peace who reconciles all creation.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, bring peace to our hearts and to your world.**

Presider Let us pray.

Silence

God of peace, in your Son Jesus Christ you bring together the outcast and the mighty, the joyful and the broken. Make us ready to receive your peace, and send us out as peacemakers in the world, through the Prince of Peace, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Merton

All

Hark, a herald voice is sounding:
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say.
“Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!”

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us all, with deep repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven,

that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Text: Latin; tr. Edward Caswall
Music: William Henry Monk

Presider

Almighty God,

People

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.

Kyrie Eleison

Choir

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

God of justice, clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of

joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Choir Give the king your judgements, O God,
 and your righteousness to the son of a king.
Then shall he judge your people righteously
 and your poor with justice.
May the mountains bring forth peace,
 and the little hills righteousness for the people.
May he defend the poor among the people,
 deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.
May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like the showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish,
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wonderful things.
And blessed be his glorious name for ever.
May all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Reader For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’; and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’; and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’; and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Thomas Bell



All

O Holy Lord, O Adonai.
Your ancient law shall never die.
Fulfilled in Christ, whose reign is nigh.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

O God with us, Emmanuel,
The day Christ comes, none can foretell.
So live in hope: all shall be well.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Deacon In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe

is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Deacon The Gospel of Christ. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily *O Adonai (Lord), and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.*

The Apostles’ Creed

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

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

The Prayers of the People

Presider In hope and expectation, let us pray to the Lord who comes to set his people free saying, “Christ who comes to set us free, hear our prayer.”

Silence

Intercessor Christ who comes to set us free

People **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider God of steadfastness and encouragement, as John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, make us strong in faith, joyful in hope, and abounding in peace, that all may come to know the salvation you promise in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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: Ascension

All There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
The power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;
You stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;
In pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir 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 Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

People **Amen.**

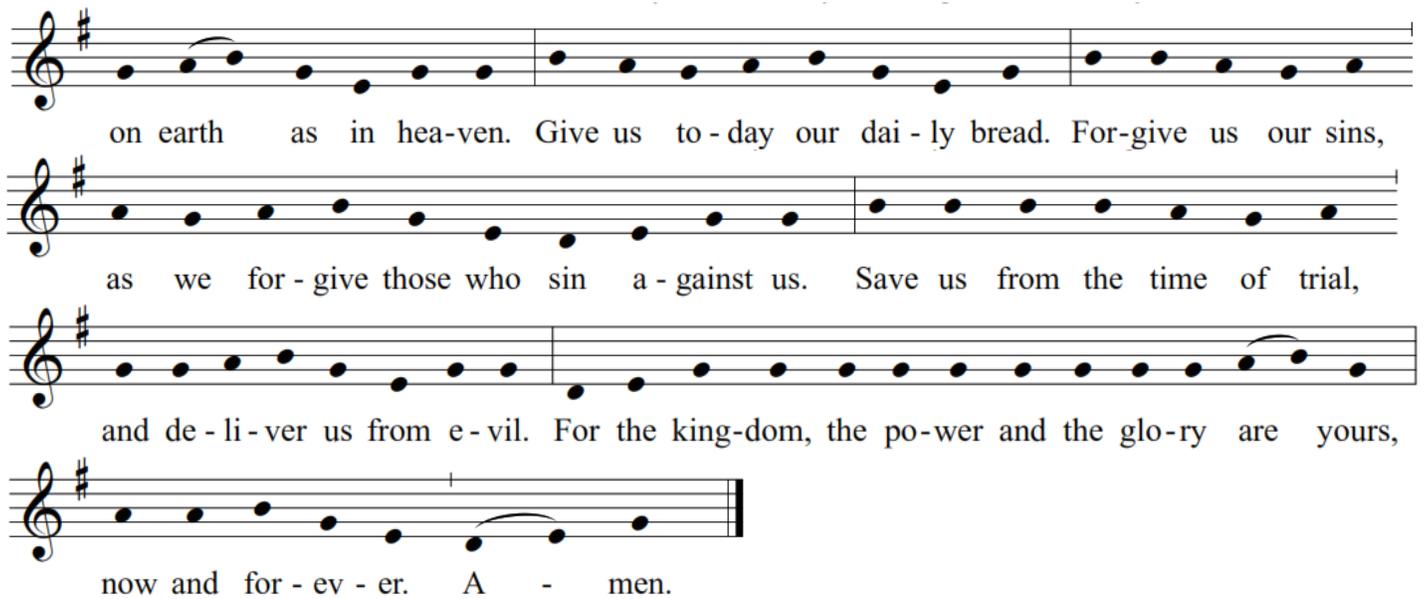
The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.



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

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

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us 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: Christ Be Our Light

All Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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Motet *Choir*

Never Weather-beaten Sail

C. H. H. Parry

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,
People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Winchester New

All On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin; tr. John Chandler, alt.
Music: Melody *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, alt

Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that God loves.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude 6. Postlude-Cantique, from Sept Pièces pour Orgue *Theodore Dubois*

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
The Church of Bangladesh; Toronto East Deanery and Ministry Council*

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 7, 2025

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

Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am. **Coffee Hour:** After 9:00am & 11:00am.

Notice of Retirement



We announce the retirement of our Vicar and Sub Dean, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, from full-time ministry, effective June 30, 2026. Ordained in 1981, he has served the church in New York, Barbados, and Toronto, including here at St. James Cathedral since 2021. His ministry has been marked by a deep commitment to proclaiming Christ, advocating for the poor and marginalized, and challenging the Church to confront racism. We give thanks for his ministry and for all who have shared in his journey, as he looks forward to continuing to serve the Church as God calls after a time of rest. His final Sunday of full-time service at the Cathedral will be May 31, 2026, the 45th anniversary of his ordination to Diaconate.

Our Merry Moments service returns



We're delighted to once again offer these 30-min Advent and Christmas services filled with beloved carols, readings, and a short homily. These joy-filled gatherings are perfect for anyone, and especially those who may not usually attend church or prefer a shorter service. This service is offered multiple times to accommodate a variety of schedules:

Tuesday, Dec. 16: 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 18: 1:00pm & 5:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 20: 10:30am (see below) & 1:00pm

The 10:30am service on Dec. 20 will be led by our Children's Community Choir.

After the service, head out to the West Lawn for a Live Nativity Animal Petting Zoo from 11:00am to 1:00pm, complete with hot chocolate and snacks for everyone.

This is a family-friendly event for the whole community, so bring your friends and neighbours to share in the joy and spirit of Christmas!

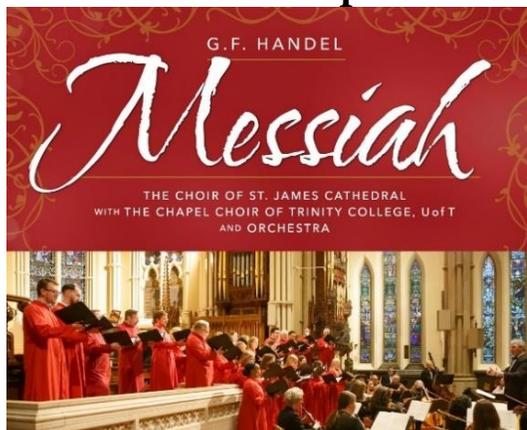


Dec. 9 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas – A Service of Hope



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 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 is almost sold out! Get your tickets now.



Messiah concert is this Saturday! Doors open: 6:30pm.

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

Dress Rehearsal is open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm.

Donations are welcome to support the St. James and Community Refugee Committee.

Dec. 24 & 25: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day



Let's celebrate together the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem. Join us with family, friends, and invite your neighbours!

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital*

4:30pm: Lessons & Carols*

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist*

Thursday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist

10:30am: Choral Eucharist*

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

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.

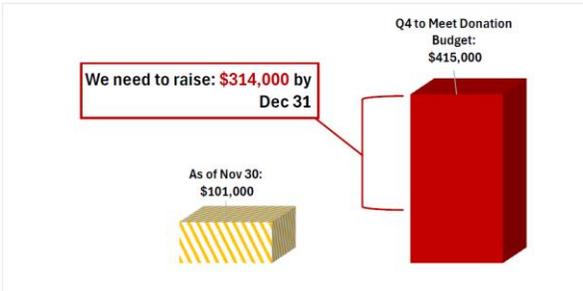
Share a card of love: Donate any unused Christmas cards so our participants can send warm greetings to their friends and family.

For details or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Biasi – Outreach Manager at 416 364-7865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

St. Bartholomew's Food Drive: Thank you for your support

If you can, please support the food program by donating nonperishable food items in the red bin located at the King Street entrance of the Cathedral. Donations accepted until Dec. 31.

'Tis the Giving Season!



Your generosity fuels the Cathedral's mission. As we approach year-end, donations are 27% below target, and we need \$314,000 by December 31 to reach our annual budget. Be part of the mission. Give today! Every gift matters. Donate by December 31 to receive a 2025 tax receipt.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, January 1:

New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee

12:15pm: Said Eucharist

1:30pm-2:45pm: Receiving Line and Reception with the ringing of the Bells of Old York

2:45pm: Festive Music for Brass Quintet

3:30pm: Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto



Sunday, Jan. 4 at 4:30pm:

Epiphany Lessons and Carols with the Chalking of the Doors

Join us for a beautiful Epiphany service of readings, hymns, and choral music as we follow the journey of the wise men and reflect on the early ministry of Jesus. We will also bless the cathedral and all who will enter in the coming year through the ancient ceremony of the chalking of the doors. The service begins with an organ recital at 4:00pm. All are welcome!

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 Recital in the Cathedral at 1:00pm. Free admission, donations welcome.

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

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

Dec. 19 at 7:30pm: *La Nativité du Seigneur* by Olivier Messiaen played by Rashaan Allwood.

Saturday: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals from 9:30am to 10:30am on Dec. 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 – Dec. 14, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

4:30pm: Choral Evensong*

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

Readings for

The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1–10

Psalms 146:4–9

James 5:7–10

Matthew 11:2–11

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