



WORSHIP TOGETHER

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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.

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.



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.

To learn about our Children's Community Choir, contact Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca.

Accessibility

An all-gender accessible washroom is located at the front of the sanctuary through the doors to the left. Assisted hearing devices are available from the greeters wearing name tags.

Connect with the Cathedral

Visit our website at stjamescathedral.ca | Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/stjamesto
Instagram: @stjamesto | YouTube: stjamescathedraltoronto

Please check that devices are silenced and keep your belongings with you at all times.

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 Dr. Stephen Fields.

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 and in loving memory of

*Vincenzina Eva Sorbara-Toderick, Jayne Leslie Toderick and
Lois Ann Toderick*

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 Jesus, you are the Light of the World. Shine on us here today.

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: Veni Emmanuel

All O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Text: Latin (9th cent.?); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.
Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale (15th cent.)

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

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader 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.**

Leader 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: Angel Voices

All Prophet Voices loudly crying,
Making pathways clear;
Glimpsing glory, self-denying,
Calling all to hear.
Through their message – challenged, shaken –
Hearts awaken: God is near!

Music: Edwin George Monk; Words: © Mark Earey
Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-709278. All rights reserved.

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

All ♪ 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.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 11

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots. The Lord's spirit will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. He will delight in fearing the Lord. He won't judge by appearances, nor decide by hearsay. He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land. He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth; by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them. The cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like an ox. A nursing child will play over the snake's hole; toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den. They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Reader The psalm for today is Psalm 72, verses 1-7 and 18-19. Please join me in the refrain:

All **May justice and peace overflow.**

Reader Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

All **May justice and peace overflow.**

Reader May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!
And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.
Amen.

All **We are glad to go to the house of the Lord.**

Please stand.

Thomas Bell

Gospel Music



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 Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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 Matthew.

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

Reader In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight."

John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I'm not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out."

Reader The Good News 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

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

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Donate to St. James Cathedral

by scanning or tapping

the QR code or visit

st-james-cathedral | [CharityProfile](#) | [Donate Online](#)
(canadahelps.org)



Offertory Hymn

Tune: Tempus Adest Floridum

All When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean,
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

Text: Christopher Idle
Music: Melody Piae Cantiones, 1582
Text: Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188
Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-709278. All rights reserved.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, and through Christ you will make all things new when he comes again to judge this world.

And so, with the choirs of angels and the faithful people in every age who have looked to you in hope, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

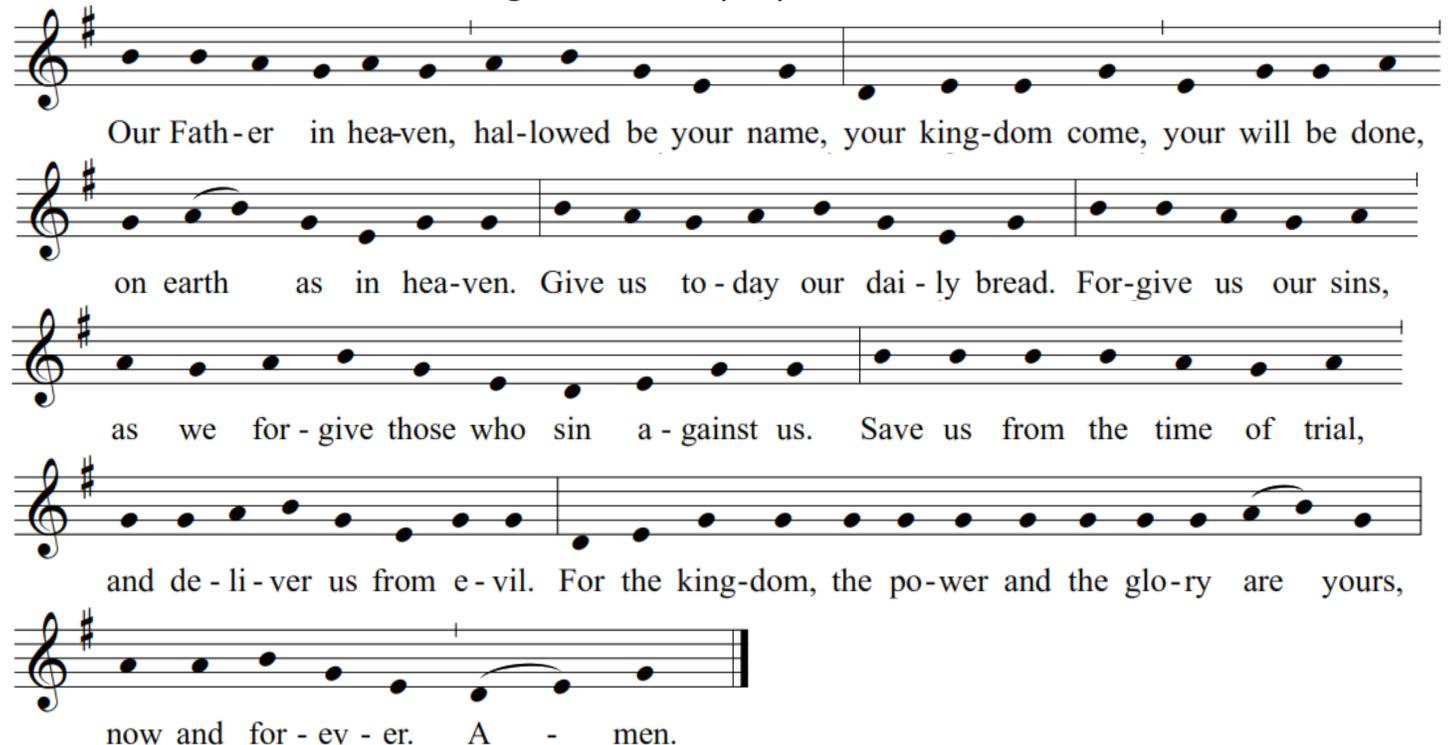
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

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 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

Tune: Besançon

Choir People, look east to see at last hopes fulfilled from ages past:
now in the promise of the morning, see, a brighter day is dawning,
rich with the visions long foretold, prophets' dreams from days of old.

God reaffirms the gracious call: words of welcome meant for all;
comfort enough for all our sorrows; justice shaping new tomorrows.
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored, freed to praise and serve the Lord.

Now, with the coming of the light, darkest fears are put to flight;
see how the clouds of gloom are clearing, blown aside by hope's appearing.
Jesus, the Light of all our days, comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

Born of our race, a child so small—hail the promised Lord of all!
Nailed to a cross for our salvation, he shall rule God's new creation.
Lift up your eyes, and look again: see, he comes in power to reign!

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch

Music: French Traditional Carol

Text: © 2000, Kevin Mayhew Limited.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-709278. All rights reserved.

Communion Hymn

Tune: John L. Bell

All Kindle a flame to lighten the dark,
and take all fear away.

Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Text: © Hymns Ancient & Modern; (Admin. by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188).

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-709278. All rights reserved.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

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 May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Tune: He came down that we may have love

All He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life,
Hallelujah forevermore.

Cameroon Traditional

Dismissal

Sender Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER CYCLE

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

PASTORAL CARE

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team,
please email pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca or call 416-364-7865, press 1 to leave a message.

HYMN TEXTS ARE REPRODUCED WITH PERMISSION UNDER ONE LICENSE # A-709278.

COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE: (CEB), COPYRIGHT 2011, COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE . USED BY PERMISSION. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. TEXTS FROM THE BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES ARE REPRODUCED WITH PERMISSION UNDER COPYRIGHT © 2004 BY THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. REPRODUCED UNDER LICENSE FROM ABC PUBLISHING, ANGLICAN BOOK CENTRE, A MINISTRY OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA, FROM ANGLICAN LITURGICAL LIBRARY. FURTHER COPYING IS PROHIBITED. MATERIAL FROM THE NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL © THE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION OF ENGLISH TEXTS. REPRODUCED BY PERMISSION OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL. v1

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!

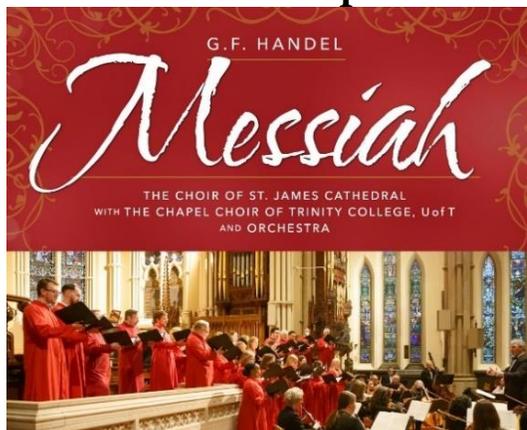


Dec. 9 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas – A Service of Hope



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.

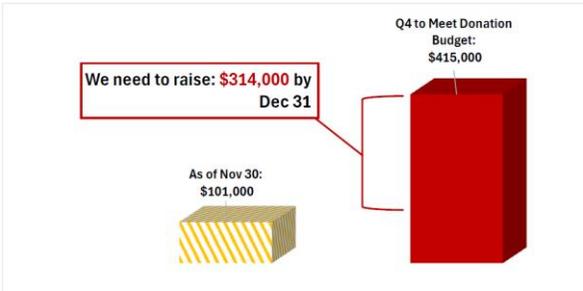
Share a card of love: Donate any unused Christmas cards so our participants can send warm greetings to their friends and family.

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.

Choose one of the following easy ways to give:

1. **E-Transfer:** to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca, include name and address for tax receipt. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more in 2026.
2. **Give Online:** www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/
3. **In-Person:** Drop off your donation in the secure mailbox, mounted in the vestibule at the 65 Church Street entrance doors.
4. **Other Ways to Give,** please visit: stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online or scan our QR code:



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

The Cathedral Church of St. James exists today through the gifts of time, talent, and treasure of both past and present members of the Cathedral community.

Scan to Donate



Thank you for your support!
St. James Cathedral,
a symbol of God's presence
and love in the city.

Do you get our online weekly newsletter? Sign up today at stjamescathedral.ca

St. James Cathedral: (416)364-7865 / info@stjamescathedral.ca

Facebook/Instagram: @stjamesto / **YouTube:** stjamescathedraltoronto

St. James Cemetery: (416)964-9194 / stjamescemetery.ca / cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca