



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

Choral Eucharist and Procession to the Crèche at 7:30pm

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

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Liturgical Note:

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Please do come again. You can follow us through our website and social media presence, or join us for a service on any Sunday as follows:

8:00am Said Eucharist *Simple Communion service in traditional language*

9:00am Worship Together *All-ages Communion service with music*

11:00am Choral Eucharist *Sensory-rich Communion service with the Cathedral Choir*

4:30pm Choral Evensong *Meditative prayer service with the Cathedral Choir*

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Sub-Deacon: Paul Seddon, ODT

First Reader: Richard Harrop • Second Reader: Matt Jaeger

Intercessor: Sandra Mowat • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT

Communion Ministers: The Reverend Matthew Waterman, The Reverend Lynn Braye, David Grant, Yvonne Joseph, Leslie Laing, Paul Seddon and 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

Merry Christmas!

Welcome! *We are glad you have joined us for worship.*

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

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. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Missa ad Praesepe by George Malcolm

Prelude

Welcome

Bishop Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
People **May all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Bishop Alleluia! When the fullness of time was come,
People **God sent the Son, born of a woman, so that we might become God's children. Alleluia!**

Bishop Glory to God in the highest,
People **And peace to his people on earth.**

Processional Hymn

Tune: Irby

Solo Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

All He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, alt.; Music: Henry John Gauntlett.

At the Crèche

Bishop In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
People **Praise be to Jesus Christ, who dwells among us, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop Light has sprung up for the righteous,
People **And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.**

Bishop Let us pray.
God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings hope,

peace, joy and love. Lord, bless those who behold this crèche and all who look upon it; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn (*cont'd*)

All And, through all his wondrous childhood, he would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Bishop Light, hope, peace, joy and love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Bishop The four candles in the Advent wreath are lit, one by one, each Sunday in Advent. Each time we light a candle, we think of a particular theme as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. On this night when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we light the **CHRIST** candle.

The Christ candle is lit.

Bishop In the darkness of fear and uncertainty, God's light breaks through with hope. The birth of Christ is God's answer to our deepest longings: joy for the weary, peace for the troubled, life for those in the shadow of death. On this holy night, we hear again the angel's words—do not be afraid, for love has come among us.

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth! Come, Lord Jesus, Light of the World.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Silence

Lord Jesus Christ, may the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

People **Amen.**

Hymn *(cont'd)*

All And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when, like stars, his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Bishop Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia.

People **God is the Lord and has shined upon us, alleluia.**

Bishop The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;

People **And we beheld his glory.**

Hymn

Tune: Regent Square

All Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain*

Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down: *Refrain*

Text: James Montgomery, alt.; Tune: Henry Thomas Smart.

Collect of the Day

Bishop Let us pray.

Eternal God who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of
your one true light: bring us, who know the revelation of that light on earth,

to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Chant: A. Gray

Choir Sing to the Lord a new song;
 sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
 tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
 and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
 he is more to be feared than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
 it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
 power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
 ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 let the whole earth tremble before him.
 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.
 He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity.
 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
 Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;
 let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.
 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth;
 with righteousness he will judge the world
 and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Reader For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Sussex Carol

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Bishop Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Intercession

Bishop On this holy night, we lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving to God saying, "Holy God, hear our prayer".

Intercessor Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Bishop Holy God, on this holy night, Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us, that we will be forgiven of our sins, delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of peace.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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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: Winchester Old

All While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.

To you in David’s town this day is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

the heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high, and to the world be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven and earth begin, and never cease.”

Text: Luke 2.8-14; para. Nahum Tate; Music: Melody *Whole Book of Psalms*, 1592.

Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May
we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and
for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices 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.

Please adopt a posture of prayer.

Bishop We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling the Israelites to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Bishop and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Bishop 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

Bishop We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

Bishop Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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.*
- *Communion will be administered at the High Altar, Lady Chapel and St. John's Chapel.*
- *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.*

Motet **O Jesulein süß**

Arr. J. S. Bach

Choir O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!
Deins Vaters Willn hast du erfüllt;
Bist kommen aus dem Himmelreich
Uns armen Menschen worden gleich
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!

O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!
Mit Freuden hast du die Welt erfüllt
Du kommst herab vom Himmelssaal
Und tröst'st uns in dem Jammertal
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!

O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!
Du bist der Lieb ein Ebenbild
Zünd an in uns der Liebe Flamm
Dass wir dich lieben all zusamm'
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!

Hymn

Tune: Stille Nacht

All

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr; tr. John Freeman Young;
Music: Melody Franz Xaver Gruber, alt.; harm. Carl H. Reinecke.

Hymn

Tune: Forest Green

All

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of God's heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Text: Philip Brooks Music: Lewis Henry Redner

Carol
Choir

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti
Music: Harold Darke

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Bishop 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

Bishop May Almighty God, who sent the Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May God, who sent the holy angels to proclaim the glad news of the Saviour's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favour.

People **Amen.**

Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Mendelssohn

All Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy; adapt. William Hayman Cummings.

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in peace, in the name of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace,
Immanuel, God with us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*After the service, you are invited to visit the crèche
to pray in thanksgiving for the incarnation of the Prince of Peace.*

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WELCOME TO ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Sunday Services

8:00am Said Eucharist *Simple Communion service in traditional language*

9:00am Worship Together *All-ages Communion service with music*

11:00am Choral Eucharist *Sensory-rich Communion service with the St. James Cathedral Choir*

4:30pm Choral Evensong *Meditative prayer service with the St. James Cathedral Choir*

Monday - Saturday Services

8:30am Morning Prayer *Online prayer service on YouTube (Resumes Jan. 2, 2026)*

12:15pm Holy Eucharist *Simple Communion service in St. George's Chapel*

Services at St. James Cemetery

11:00am Holy Eucharist *First Wednesday of the month at St. James-the-Less Chapel*

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



Every Friday, our Drop-In welcomes guests for a nutritious meal and other care services from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Want to help? Here's how:

Volunteer: Our volunteers serve in shifts between 9:00am and 5:30pm each week. We especially need your help on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, when many of our regular volunteers are away.

For details or to volunteer, please contact:

Kathy Biasi – Outreach Manager

416 364-7865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

Info: stjamescathedral.ca/community/drop-in

St. Bartholomew's Food Drive



You can help feed our neighbours this season through the food bank ministry at our partner parish, St. Bartholomew's Church.

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the red bin located at the Cathedral's King Street entrance until Dec. 31.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Don't miss a thing: Sign up for our newsletter at stjamescathedral.ca

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

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What's on at St. James?

Sunday, Jan. 4 at 4:30pm:

Epiphany Lessons & Carols with the Chalking of the Doors

Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi and the close of the Christmas season. Join us for a service of readings, hymns, and choral music as we follow the wise men and reflect on Jesus' early ministry. We will also bless the cathedral and all who enter this year with the traditional chalking of the doors. The service begins with a 4:00pm organ recital.

Saturdays at 9:30am: Children's Community Choir (Resuming Jan. 10)

We welcome singers from ages 8-16! Rehearsals are on Saturdays, 9:30am - 10:30am.

No fee or audition is required. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

Saturday, Jan. 10 from 10:00am to 11:30am: Community Playdate

Bring your children and enjoy coffee on us while the kids play together.

Free and open to all, so invite your neighbours! Details: stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/

Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4:30pm: Installation of Canons

Canon Kristen Pitts will be installed as Canon Missioner with the newly appointed Honorary Canons of the Cathedral. All are invited.

Tuesdays at 1:00pm: Organ Recitals (Resuming Jan. 13)

St. James Cathedral features some of the region's finest organists.

Organ recitals are free and open to the public. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals/

Friday, Jan. 30 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night

Bring your whole family for an evening of fun and games for all ages. Dinner is provided.

Free and open to all. Invite your friends! Details: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/

Sing and Ring with St. James

The Choir of St. James Cathedral welcomes singers with musical experience.

The Change Ringers welcome new participants with or without prior experience.

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/worship/music/



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