



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026 at 4:30pm

Epiphany Lessons & Carols & Chalking of the Doors

The Cathedral Church of St. James

Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

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Today at St. James

Officiant: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Introduction Reader: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

First Reader: Edwin Hawken • Second Reader: Sandra Mowat

Third Reader: Ruth Davis • Fourth Reader: Shawn Thorpe

Fifth Reader: Quentin Toderick • Sixth Reader: Tina Conlon

Seventh Reader: Brainerd Blyden-Taylor

The Prayers: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

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

Vivien Ann Harris, ODT

We wish you a Happy New Year!

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

4:00pm Organ Recital

4:30pm Epiphany Lessons & Carols

Processional Hymn

Tune: Divinum Mysterium

All Of the Father's heart begotten
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain,
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sybil
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealèd
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; translated by Roby Furley Davis;
Music: Plainsong Melody; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

Introductory Reading

John 1:1-14

Reader In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He

himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader

Thanks be to God.

Carol
Choir

Small Wonder the Star

Paul Edwards

Small wonder the star,
small wonder the light,
the angels in chorus,
the shepherds in fright;
but stable and manger for God -
no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings,
small wonder they bore
the gold and the incense,
the myrrh, to adore;
but God gives his life on a cross -
no small wonder!

Small wonder the love,
small wonder the grace,
the power, the glory,
the light of his face;
but all to redeem my poor heart -
no small wonder!

Bidding Prayer

Officiant

Beloved in Christ, as we begin a new year of our Lord in this season of Epiphany, let us read, mark, and hear in the holy Gospels the stories of the revelation of Christ's glory, his manifestation to the Magi by the leading of a star, his baptism in the River Jordan, and first miracle at a wedding in Cana

of Galilee. And let us make this place resound in the beauty of holiness with our anthems and carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of this city, this country, and the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which Jesus died.

And let us pray for the ministers of God's holy word and sacraments; for Shane, our Primate, Chris, our national Indigenous Archbishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, Andrew, our Bishop; Riscylla and Kevin, our Suffragan Bishops, that they may minister faithfully and wisely the discipline of Christ; likewise for all bishops, priests, deacons, laypeople, and religious, and more especially for the clergy and people of this cathedral that they may radiate the light of Christ and shine as lights in the world, bearing witness to his saving work.

Let us pray also for all who travel by land, sea, or air. For all refugees, prisoners, and victims of warfare, violence, or discrimination, poverty, famine, and disaster. For all who are in sickness or sorrow, for all who have fallen into grievous sin. For all who through temptation, ignorance, helplessness, grief, trouble, or anxiety, or the near approach of death especially need our prayers. Let us remember also all those who have died.

Finally, let us lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving to God for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all the saints, who have been the chosen vessels of God's grace and the light of the world in their several generations; and pray that we may have grace to pattern our lives after their good examples; that, this life ended, we may be partakers with them of the glorious resurrection and the life everlasting.

And now, let us sum up all our prayer and petitions in the words our Saviour Christ himself has taught us saying:

People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 72:1-15



Choir Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a[^]king.

All **Then shall he judge your people right-ous[^]ly
and your poor with jus-tice.**

Choir May the mountains bring forth peace,
and the little hills righteousness for the peo-ple.

All **May he defend the poor among the peo-ple,
deliver the children of the needy and crush the op-pres-sor.**

Choir May he live as long as the sun and moon en-dure,
from one generation to an-o-ther.

All **May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like the showers that wa-ter[^]the earth.**

Choir In his time shall righteousness flou-rish,
and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no[^]more.

All **May his dominion extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the[^]earth.**

Choir May his foes kneel be-fore him
and his en-e-mies lick the[^]dust.

All **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tri-bute;
the kings of Sheba and Se-ba shall bring gifts.**

Choir All kings shall fall down be-fore him;
all nations shall do him ser-vice.

All **For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no help-er.**

Choir He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the need-y.

All **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and vi-o[^]lence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

Choir Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from She-ba;

All **may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.**

The First Lesson – The Ingathering of the Dispersed

Isaiah 60:1-5, 6b

Reader Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol Omnes de Saba venient

Jacob Handl

Choir *Omnes de Saba venient aurum et thus deferentes et laudem annuntiantes Domini. Surge et illuminare Jerusalem Quia Gloria Domini super te orta est, gloria Domini Alleluja.*

All they from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense: and shewing forth praise to the Lord. Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The Second Lesson – The Visit of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol **Here is the Little Door**

Herbert Howells

Choir

Here is the little door,
lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more,
but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold.
Gold that was never bought or sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
Incense in clouds about His head;
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed,
For each He has a gift;
See how His eyes awake,
Lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red,
Myrrh for the honored happy dead;
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;
Touched by such tiny hands,
and Oh such tiny feet.

Carol
All

We Three Kings of Orient Are
We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

John H. Hopkins

Please be seated.
Matthew 2:13-18

The Third Lesson – The Escape to Egypt

Reader

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol **Lully, Lulla**

Philip Stopford

Choir

Refrain:

*Lully, lulla,
thou little tiny child,
by by, lully lullay.*

O sisters too, how may we do
for to preserve this day this poor youngling,
for whom we do sing by by, lully lullay?

Herod the king, in his raging,
charged he hath this day his men of might,
in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee!
and ever morn and day, for thy parting
neither say nor sing by by, lully lullay! *Refrain*

The Fourth Lesson – Jesus is Presented in the Temple

Luke 2:22-28

Reader

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the

child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

Short Service by Orlando Gibbons

Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Fifth Lesson – Jesus returns to Nazareth

Matthew 2:19-23

Reader

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’

Reader

Thanks be to God.

Carol

My Dancing Day

John Gariner

Choir

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:

Refrain:

*Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to human nature,
To call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor, this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
M Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

The Sixth Lesson – The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

Reader Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol The White Dove

Derek Healey

Choir The White Dove hovered in the still, clear air, with such celestial beauty,
While God’s dear Son stood in the water cool. Alleluia.

The White Dove hovered in the still clear air, with such ethereal beauty,
And there did John baptize our Lord Jesu. Alleluia.

The Dove descended through the still, clear air with such transcendent beauty,
And rested on our Saviour, Lord Jesu. Alleluia.

The Seventh Lesson – The Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-11

Reader On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the

Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Chalking the Doors

Participants proceed to the main entrance of the Cathedral.

Processional Hymn (to the West Door)

Tune: Salzburg

All Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address, God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be, stars shall fall, the heavens shall fee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

Music: Charles STEGGALL (1826-1905); Text: CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH (1807-1885)

Chalking the Door

Officiant Peace be to this House of God, and to all who enter here.

People **Amen.**

Officiant May all who come to this cathedral this year rejoice to find Christ dwelling

among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

As the inscription is made, the leader says: 20 + C + M + B + 26

Officiant The three Magi, [C] Caspar, [M] Melchior, [B] and Balthasar followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus [20] two thousand, [26] and twenty-six years ago.

May Christ bless our Cathedral (*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*), and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

The Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26) is said to each other, then the party re-enters the cathedral.

All **The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord turn his face toward us and give us peace. Amen.**

Processional Hymn (*to the Chancel*)

Tune: Crucifer

All *Refrain*

*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors;
salute your king in his triumphant cause!*

Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord:
let all creation greet the living Word! *Refrain*

Who has the right to worship him today?
All those who gladly serve him and obey. *Refrain*

He comes to save all those who trust his name,
and will declare them free from guilt and shame. *Refrain*

Who is the victor glorious from the fight?
He is our king, our life, our Lord, our right! *Refrain*

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Homily

The Prayers

Leader Holy God, we place our hope in you. May the light of Christ's coming dispel the darkness around us and within us. Strengthen our faith as we trust in Your promises. In your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Quiet the noise of our hearts and bring calm to a restless world. May we be peacemakers, spreading your peace to all we meet. In your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader May the promise of Christ's coming bring laughter to our lips and gladness to our spirits. Help us to share this joy with those in need of Your light. In your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Your love knows no bounds, and in sending your Son, you gave us the greatest gift of all. Teach us to love as You love—unconditionally and generously. May our lives reflect the love of Christ in all we say and do, in whose name, we pray. In your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. You scatter the shadows before our path, and through your Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth. May we who have been baptized in the ocean of your love, also shine as lights in the world, become instruments of your peace, and icons of your presence. For you are our God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Personent Hodie

All

On this day earth shall ring
With the song children sing
To the Lord, Christ our King,
Born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us.

Refrain:

*Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!*

God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
Kneel they low by his bed,
Lay their gifts before him,
Praise him and adore him. *Refrain*

Born on earth, yet divine,
Cana's guest gives a sign,
Water turned into wine,
Answering Mary's pleading,
God on earth revealing. *Refrain*

On this day angels sing;
With their song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's King,
Born on earth to save us;
Peace and love he gave us. *Refrain*

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, January 4, 2026

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.

Reminder: 2026 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West Aisle.

Happy Epiphany from Canon Kristen Pitts!

Epiphany blessings to you! This celebration marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas and commemorates the Magi's journey following a star to honour the infant Jesus. **(Be sure to look for the 3 golden stars hidden around the Cathedral today!** Children and youth who find all 3 can see our Children & Family Minister, Karyne Whalen, for a prize.) Our **4:30 Epiphany Lessons & Carols service with Chalking of the Doors** beautifully highlights the themes of the day, one of which is the many ways God guides the faithful. This festival provides an opportunity to consider how God might be guiding us. What "star" is God inviting us to follow, and where is it leading? Reflecting on the past year—moments of joy, change, and purposefulness—often helps me see more clearly the direction God is setting for me. We can ponder the same questions about our life as a church. Even in the short time I've been with you, I've seen such moments: in the resplendence of our festival services, the advent of *Worship Together*, and the deep devotion of our ministry leaders and volunteers. Epiphany reminds us that God is always leading us on, sometimes in unexpected ways. How might God be guiding you in this season, both in your personal pursuits and as a community member here at St. James? And how can we support you in following? Wherever God is leading you—and us—in the days ahead, I look forward to continuing the journey with you.

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JAMES?

Saturday, Jan. 10, 10:00am - 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.

Sunday, Jan. 18 at 4:30pm: Memorial Evensong for Giles Bryant

Giles Bryant, Director of Music at St. James Cathedral 1979-1999, profoundly influenced the lives of many in our community. We will honour his life and work. Reception follows.

Monday, Jan. 19 at 2:00pm: The York Group and Will Postma

The York York welcomes Will Postma, CEO of Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF).

No RSVP. Info: stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group

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. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am

Monday to Saturday
via the Cathedral YouTube channel.

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Saturday
In the Cathedral - 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.

Epiphany Home Blessings: To request a visit from a member of the clergy and a lay pastoral visitor for a home blessing and chalking of your door, email pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca

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 on Jan. 13 at 1:00pm. Free admission, donations welcome.

Wednesday: Scripture Circle gathers on Jan. 7 at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

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

Saturday: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals from 9:30am to 10:30am on Jan. 10.

St. James Cemetery: Pre-planning services & Plots available.

Info: 416-964-9194, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca or visit stjamescemetery.ca

Sunday Services – January 11, 2026

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

4:30pm: Installation of Canons and Choral Evensong*

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

Readings for

The Baptism of Jesus

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

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