



WORSHIP TOGETHER

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026 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.

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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

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

Scheduled Roles today

*Reader: Sarah McKinnon
Prayer Leader: Quentin Toderick
Volunteer Guide: Peggy Crowther
Greeters: Bassel Dick, Paul Melville-Gray
Communion Ministers: Sarah McKinnon, Peter Dawes
Server: Michael Quaglia
Hospitality: He and Zi Zhao*

Scheduled Roles for next week

*Reader: Susan Boucaud
Prayer Leader: Matt Jaeger
Volunteer Guide: Karyne Whalen
Greeters: Irene Bailey
Communion Ministers: Sarah McKinnon, Peter Dawes, Matt Jaeger
Server: Michael Quaglia
Hospitality: Karyne Whalen*

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 God's Good News. Help us to hear what you will say to us this day.

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: Monkland

All Welcome, welcome to this place,
young and old from every race,
rich and poor, both great and small:
God extends his love to all.

Come and meet with Jesus here,
love stands close, and hope is near.
We believe that Jesus Christ
lives for every single life.

"Welcome children in my name",
and the Lord is blessed the same.
Trust with childlike heart and mind,
know that God is good and kind.

Ask - you surely will receive.
Seek - God calls you to believe.
Knock - the door will open wide.
God invites you - come inside.

God extends his love to all,
rich and poor, both great and small:
may we share God's love and grace;
welcome, welcome to this place!

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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. ♪**

Gloria

Tune: Hymn to Joy

All **Glory be to God in heaven,
And to all God's people, peace.
Heavenly Sovereign, great Creator,
May our worship never cease;
May our voices ever thank you,
Songs of blessing ever send,
May we always live to praise you,
For your glory without end.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, redeemer,
Merciful beyond compare,
All our sin by you forgiven;
Hear and grant to us our prayer.
You are seated now in power,
At the Maker's own right hand:
Show your mercy in this hour,
Bring your peace to every land.

For you only are the Holy,
You alone the sovereign Lord,
With the Spirit, ever reigning,
And the Maker—glorious God!
With the Spirit, now and ever,
In the Maker's glory bright;
Three in One, our praise we offer,
God of glory, love, and light.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

God of glory, immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image, and raise us to live our baptismal promises, so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may follow the example of Christ your beloved, in whose name we pray.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 42

But here is my servant, the one I uphold; my chosen, who brings me delight. I've put my spirit upon him; he will bring justice to the nations. He won't cry out or shout aloud or make his voice heard in public. He won't break a bruised reed; he won't extinguish a faint wick, but he will surely bring justice. He won't be extinguished or broken until he has established justice in the land. The coastlands await his teaching.

God the Lord says—the one who created the heavens, the one who stretched them out, the one who spread out the earth and its offspring, the one who gave

breath to its people and life to those who walk on it—I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason. I will grasp your hand and guard you, and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon. I am the Lord, that is my name; I don't hand out my glory to others or my praise to idols. The things announced in the past—look—they've already happened, but I'm declaring new things. Before they even appear, I tell you about them.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Reader The psalm for today is Psalm 29. Please join me in the refrain:

All **God's voice is strong and mighty.**

Reader Ascribe to the Lord, you gods;
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

All **God's voice is strong and mighty.**

Reader The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

All **God's voice is strong and mighty.**

Reader The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
O Lord, give strength to your people;

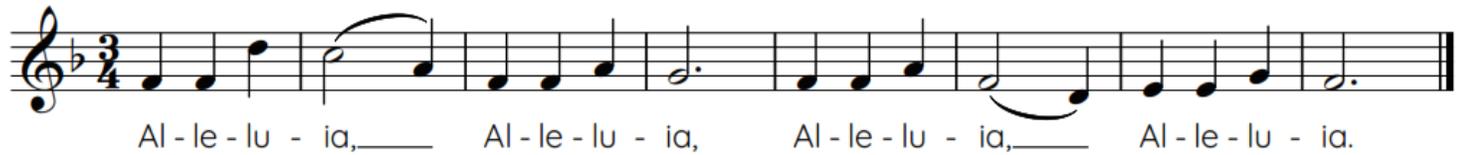
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

All God's voice is strong and mighty.

Please stand.

Gospel Music "Zimbabwe Halleluia"

Abraham Maraire



The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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 At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?" Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Reader The Good News of Christ.

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

Homily

The Baptismal Covenant

Please stand.

Presider In unity with those who will be baptized at today's Choral Eucharist, let us reaffirm our own baptismal vows.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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 in to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I 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.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers of the People

Please adopt a posture of prayer.

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

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

All **Amen.**

Confession

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

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

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

The Peace

Please stand.

Peace The peace of Christ be always with you!

Proclaimer

People And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of peace.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

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Offertory Hymn

All Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider 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.

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, because you have shown your beloved Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples, and in him you have revealed your glory.

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.

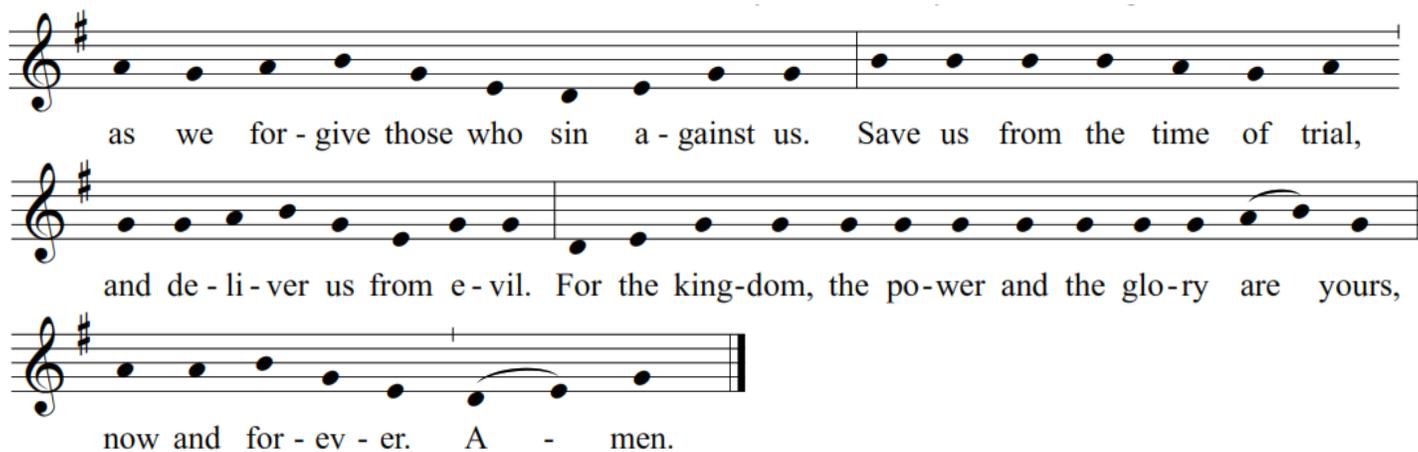
People **Amen.**

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: Laudate Omnes Gentes

Choir O Lord, now let your servant
depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory
of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations
unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people,
your chosen Israel.

Then grant that I may follow
your gleam, O glorious Light,
till earthly shadows scatter,
and faith is changed to sight;
till raptured saints shall gather
upon that shining shore,
where Christ, the blessed day-star,
shall light them evermore.

Author: Ernest Edwin Ryden (1924)

Communion Hymn

Tune: Laudate Omnes Gentes

All Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.
Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum!

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord!

Text: Ps117, Taize Community; Music: Jacques Berthier

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Compassionate God, at this table you have nourished us with holy food and drink, so that we can serve you. Send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the whole world. In the name of Christ we pray.

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 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. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Tune: How Can I Keep From Singing

All My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his;
how can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry
Music: Attrib. Robert Lowry, alt.

Dismissal

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

PRAYER CYCLE

*This week, please pray for:
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, new Canons of the Diocese of Toronto
and the Change Ringers Guild*

PASTORAL CARE

If you know someone who would appreciate a call from our pastoral care team,
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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, January 11, 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.



Today 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.

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.

If you would like to sing with the choir at this service, you would be most welcome.

Please RSVP here: stjamescathedral.ca/memorial_evensong/

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

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

Come and enjoy an engaging afternoon of learning and fellowship. No RSVP.

Info: stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group

Jan. 25 at 4:30pm: Trinity College Evensong

Our Cathedral Choir is delighted to welcome the Chapel Choir of Trinity College, University of Toronto. Officiant: The Rev. Paige Souter. Homilist: The Rev. Canon Dr. Chris Brittain.

Jan. 30 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night in the Cathedral

Bring your whole family for an evening of fun and games for all ages. Theme: The Great LEGO Build Off. Calling all LEGO builders for a night of creativity, fun, and fellowship.

Dinner is provided. Free and open to all. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/

Feb. 1 at 4:30pm: Bob Marley (Emancipation) Mass “One Love, One Heart.”

Kick off Black History Month with the *Bob Marley Mass*, written by the Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, our Vicar. The preacher will be The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, and Bishop Andrew Asbil will preside.

Music by MOKA, a Caribbean fusion band. All welcome!

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 at 8:30am 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 at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre. All are welcome.

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

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

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

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

Sunday Services – January 18, 2026

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

4:30pm: Memorial Evensong for Giles Bryant*

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

Readings for The Second

Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49.1-7

Psalms 40.1-12

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

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