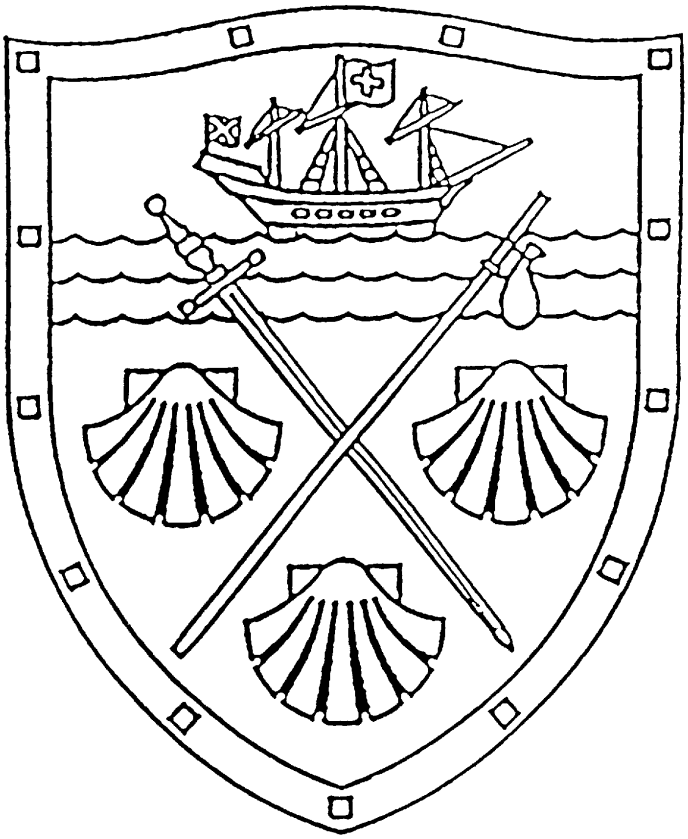


The Reign of Christ & The Feast of St. Cecilia

November 22, 2026
Choral Evensong at 4:30pm

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 rather to either 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.

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(scroll to the bottom of the page).

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week at the 11:00am service.
Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.
For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
please email Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

Accessibility

A wheelchair-accessible all-gender washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

Please join us at Snell Hall following the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

Parking

There is a range of affordable parking lots available around the Cathedral.
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As this is a very public and open space, please be aware of your personal belongings.
Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.

Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Lector: Robert Coates
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 at the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship.
Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

Choral Evensong

Our practice at Evensong is to stand for the choir processions, the canticles, and the hymn; to sit for the Bible readings, the Psalms and the homily; and to kneel or sit for prayer. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

Prelude

Opening Sentence *Psalm 96:9*

Officiant O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

Please stand when the organ plays.

Introit **Alleluia** *Thomas Bell*

Welcome

Preces and Responses *Bernard Rose*

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 145

Choir I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.
They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,
and I will also tell of your greatness.
They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness

and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
and long-suffering and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.
All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power,
To make known to all peoples your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.
The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over those who love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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.

First Lesson *Azariah 1:28–34,52–59,68*

Reader Then the three with one voice praised and glorified and blessed God: "Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever; And blessed is your glorious, holy name, and to be highly praised and highly exalted for ever. Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, and to be extolled and highly glorified for ever. Blessed are

you who look into the depths from your throne on the cherubim, and to be praised and highly exalted for ever. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, and to be extolled and highly exalted for ever. Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, and to be sung and glorified for ever. "Let the earth bless the Lord; let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, mountains and hills; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, seas and rivers; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, you springs; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, all birds of the air; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord, all wild animals and cattle; sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever. All who worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, sing praise to him and give thanks to him, for his mercy endures for ever."

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat *Evening Service in G by was Herbert Howells*

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

Second Lesson *Matthew 25:1-13*

Reader Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and

fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis *Evening Service in G by was Herbert Howells*

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.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

Choir who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant O God who as on this day didst cause the blessed virgin Cecilia to attain unto the heavenly palm of martyrdom; Grant us, we beseech thee, so to follow her example, that we may be accounted worthy to be joined unto the choir of then that rest not day and night from thy perfect service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved son our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth now divided and enslaved by sin may be brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy

defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem **Hymn to St. Cecilia** *Benjamin Britten*

Choir

In a garden shady this holy lady
With reverent cadence and subtle psalm,
Like a black swan as death came on
Poured forth her song in perfect calm:
And by ocean's margin this innocent virgin
Constructed an organ to enlarge her prayer,
And notes tremendous from her great engine
Thundered out on the Roman air.

Blonde Aphrodite rose up excited,
Moved to delight by the melody,
White as an orchid she rode quite naked
In an oyster shell on top of the sea;
At sounds so entrancing the angels dancing
Came out of their trance into time again,
And around the wicked in Hell's abysses
The huge flame flickered and eased their pain.

Blessed Cecilia, appear in visions
To all musicians, appear and inspire:
Translated Daughter, come down and startle
Composing mortals with immortal fire.

I cannot grow;
I have no shadow
To run away from,
I only play.

I cannot err;
There is no creature
Whom I belong to,
Whom I could wrong.

I am defeat
When it knows it
Can now do nothing
By suffering.

All you lived through,
Dancing because you
No longer need it
For any deed.

I shall never be
Different. Love me.

Blessed Cecilia, appear in visions
To all musicians, appear and inspire:
Translated Daughter, come down and startle
Composing mortals with immortal fire.

O ear whose creatures cannot wish to fall,
O calm of spaces unafraid of weight,
Where Sorrow is herself, forgetting all
The gaucheness of her adolescent state,
Where Hope within the altogether strange
From every outworn image is released,
And Dread born whole and normal like a beast
Into a world of truths that never change:
Restore our fallen day; O re-arrange.

O dear white children casual as birds,
Playing among the ruined languages,
So small beside their large confusing words,
So gay against the greater silences
Of dreadful things you did: O hang the head,
Impetuous child with the tremendous brain,
O weep, child, weep, O weep away the stain,
Lost innocence who wished your lover dead,
Weep for the lives your wishes never led.

O cry created as the bow of sin
Is drawn across our trembling violin.

O weep, child, weep, O weep away the stain.

O law drummed out by hearts against the still
Long winter of our intellectual will.

That what has been may never be again.

O flute that throbs with the thanksgiving breath
Of convalescents on the shores of death.

O bless the freedom that you never chose.

O trumpets that unguarded children blow
About the fortress of their inner foe.

O wear your tribulation like a rose.

Blessed Cecilia, appear in visions
To all musicians, appear and inspire:
Translated Daughter, come down and startle
Composing mortals with immortal fire.

Homily

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

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: Engelberg

All When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue, Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise,
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise,
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

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Offertory Prayer

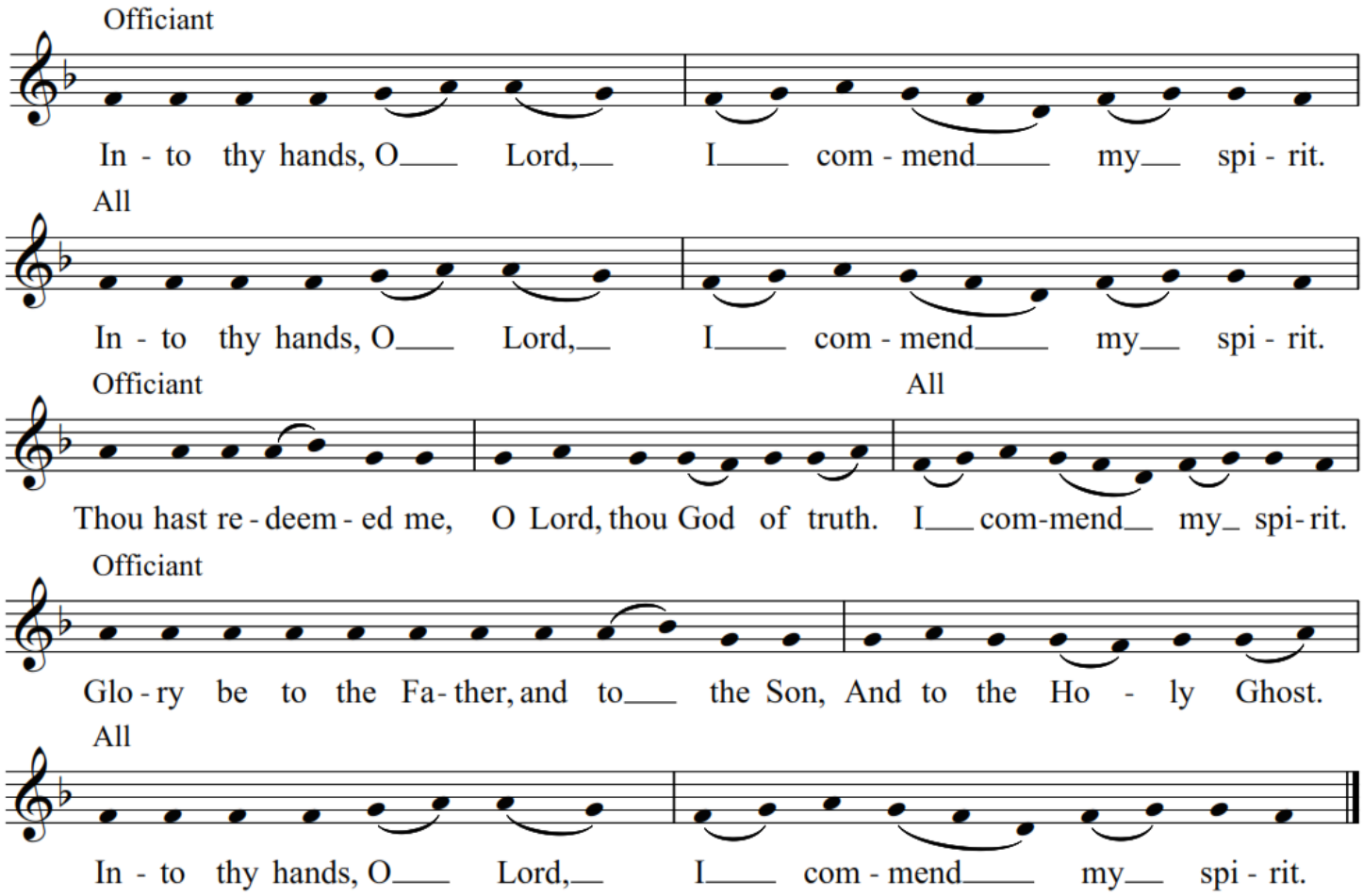
Officiant Let us pray.

God of mercy, accept all we offer you this day. Increase our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your love. May these offerings be used to support your church in the spread of the gospel and may our lives be spent in the pursuit of peace and justice in the world. In Christ we pray.

People **Amen.**

Prayers

Evening Respond



A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

Final Response

Edward Woodall Naylor

Officiant The Lord be with you;
Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:
The Church of England; FaithWorks Sunday, and the Sidespersons and Greeters of the Cathedral

PASTORAL CARE

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Services: 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 4:30pm.

What's On

Today • The Reign of Christ and St. Cecilia's Day

We celebrate the Reign of Christ and the Feast Day of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music.
11:00am Choral Eucharist: music by Lucy Walker.
4:30pm Choral Evensong: music by Benjamin Britten.

Becoming Good Stewards: Talent, Treasure, Time

From the beginning of the human story, God makes people stewards of this wonderful world, asking us to care for it and for each other. As Christians our calling is sharper still, to steward all we have – talent, treasure, time – for God's purposes, knowing it is all God's gift.
In this season, we are reflecting on our commission and making our own plans to be still better stewards in 2027. We are being invited to express our response in an end-of-year pledge.
Please join me in prayer for this season. Yours faithfully, Dean Stephen.

November 27 at 6:30pm • Family Fun Night - Theme: Gratitude

Families, children, and youth of all ages are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship! Enjoy a cultural potluck, Advent crafts, light refreshments. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight

What's Next

November 29 at 4:00pm • Organ Recital, Advent Lessons and Carols

Start the Advent season with this favourite service, featuring an organ recital at 4:00pm, followed by Advent Lessons and Carols sung by candlelight at 4:30pm.

December 6 • Honour a loved one with poinsettias this Christmas

Please submit names to Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca or in an envelope on the collection plate. Donations of $45 or more per name/couple are appreciated. Payment options: E-transfer to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca, credit card or online (add "Memorial Flowers" in the message).

What's Needed

Book and winter clothing donations

The very popular Book Table at the Friday Lunch Drop-In needs more books. Our guests enjoy cookbooks and Bibles. We are also collecting winter coats, socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats. Donations can be dropped off Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Cathedral Centre. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers of the People: We pray each Sunday for those experiencing sickness, sorrow, or distress. Names remain for three weeks unless requested otherwise. To add a name, please email info@stjamescathedral.ca. For questions, please speak with the Vicar.

Ongoing Ministries

Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts is away this Sunday and returns on Tuesday.
2027 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West Aisle.
Visit the Cathedral: Monday to Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.
Visit the Cathedral Centre: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 8:30am in our Zoom Chapel and streamed on YouTube. Saturday is available on YouTube only. stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer
Holy Eucharist: Monday to Saturday at 12:15pm in St. George's Chapel.
Scripture Circle: Wednesdays at 11:00am at the Cathedral Centre.
Young Adults Group: Regular gatherings for community, Bible study, food, and more. For details, contact Lay Pastoral Associate Maddy at mmacgregor@stjamescathedral.ca
Organ Recitals: Tuesdays at 1:00pm. This week, we welcome organist Peter Nikiforuk (Wilfrid Laurier University, Kitchener). stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals
Cathedral Choir: Weekly rehearsals. stjamescathedral.ca/worship/music
Children's Choir: Rehearsals on Saturdays at 9:30am. stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir
Change Ringers Guild: Weekly rehearsals. stjamescathedral.ca/worship/change-ringers
Drop-In: Fridays from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin
Cathedral Tours: Nov. 29 at 1:00pm.

St. James Cathedral Sunday Services

We offer a range of services that reflect our Anglican heritage.
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 service with the Cathedral Choir & Sunday School*
4:30pm Choral Evensong Meditative prayer service with the St. James Cathedral Choir
**Please join us for Coffee Hour in Snell Hall after the 9:00am and 11:00am services.*

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Next Sunday's Readings: November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

St. James CEMETERY & CREMATORIUM

St. James Cemetery & Crematorium - 635 Parliament Street, Toronto
Monthly Eucharist: First Wednesday of each month at 11:00am.
Did you know? St. James Cemetery offers a range of cremation and burial services. Pre-planning ensures wishes are honoured and provides support for your loved ones as they grieve.
Details: 4169649194, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca, stjamescemetery.ca



Regular Tickets $53

Patron package: $150 (1 ticket, reserved seating, name in the program, wine and cheese reception from 6:00pm-7:00pm, including a meet-and-greet with the performers and a charitable tax receipt of $75 issued in January).

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/messiah2026

Advent and Christmas Services at St. James Cathedral

A Traditional Christmas

Advent Sunday - Sunday, November 29

4:30pm: Advent Lessons & Carols

Blue Christmas - Tuesday, December 8

6:30pm: Service of Prayer & Reflection

The Fourth Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 20

4:30pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

3:00pm: Christmas Together **(New) -** A 45-minute service for all ages

4:30pm: Festal Organ Recital

5:00pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols

8:00pm: Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25

8:00am: Said Eucharist

10:30am: Choral Eucharist

Merry Moments

30 minutes of Holiday Spirit
Traditional Christmas Carols, Short Readings & Prayers for Everyone

Tuesday, December 15

4:00pm: Merry Moments

6:00pm: Merry Moments

Thursday, December 17

4:00pm: Merry Moments

6:00pm: Merry Moments

Saturday, December 19

10:30am: Merry Moments with Children's Community Choir followed by Nativity Animal Petting Zoo

1:00pm: Merry Moments

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/Christmas