



# St James Cathedral

CHICAGO



*"Sky Above Clouds IV" by Georgia O'Keefe*

Holy Eucharist  
Ascension Day  
May 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



# Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

We are glad to welcome you to St. James Cathedral for in-person worship and are taking every precaution for your safety. The building has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized, seating is distanced, facial masks are required, and hand sanitizer is available in abundance. The clergy are tested for COVID-19 weekly for the safety of all worshipping in person. For the safety of everyone, we ask you to observe these protocols:

- Always wear your face mask except when partaking of the bread at communion.
- Maintain six feet from others except members of your family.
- Use hand sanitizer when you enter the cathedral. Sanitizer is also available before receiving communion.
- Follow the directional arrows for each aisle.
- Please refrain from singing along with hymns. Music with text has been pre-recorded for this service.
- At the exchange of the Peace, wave, bow, or offer some other contactless gesture while maintaining a safe distance.
- The collection plate will not be passed in the pews or brought to the altar. Place contributions in the offering box found at the back of the Cathedral by the baptismal font.

## LIVE-STREAM NOTICE

A reminder this public service will be live-streamed and your image or the image of any children or vulnerable adults in your care may appear in the video. By your entry and presence in this service, you agree on behalf of yourself and any children or vulnerable adults attending with you to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded, and also agree to our use of such images in any and all media.

## HOLY COMMUNION

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it. During this time communion will be received in one kind (the bread). Let the priest know if you would need a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. We are also happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to come to the altar rail. Please let the usher know if this would be helpful for you.

## PARKING

On Sundays, reduced-rate parking is available at R.O.W. Parking Garage (50 E. Ohio) for \$2 for up to six hours from the time of entering the garage. Discounts are also available for all-day parking at Ohio Ontario Self Park (33 W. Ontario) for \$11. To receive a reduced-rate parking voucher, please go to the Welcome Center desk in the narthex.



The Very Rev. Dominic Barrington,  
*Dean of the Cathedral*

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## A NOTE ABOUT SERVICE MUSIC & SINGING

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*We know it feels counterintuitive to remain silent while enveloped by both our live organ music and the recorded voices of our cathedral choir, but it is important to resist the urge to sing along! Congregational singing is not currently considered advisable in enclosed spaces and therefore is not allowed in services taking place within the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. Please pray along in silence as, on our behalf, our virtual choir and cantors offer their voices in prayer and praise.*

# Gathering

## VOLUNTARY

“Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père”  
from *L’Ascension*

Olivier Messiaen  
(1908–1992)

(The majesty of Christ praying that his Father should glorify him)

*Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you. (John 17:1)*

Jesus prays these words as the hour has come for his arrest and crucifixion. At first, the melody evokes the voice of Christ pleading “Father, let this cup pass from me.” As the music inexorably crescendos, this plaint is subsumed into the power of the full organ, as if to say, “Not my will, but yours.”

*Please stand as the choir sings*

## INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 214

1. Hail the day that sees him rise  
glorious to his native skies;  
Christ, awhile to mortals given,  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits;  
lift your heads, eternal gates!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene;  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!
3. See! he lifts his hands above;  
See! he shows the prints of love:  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow,  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!
4. Lord beyond our mortal sight,  
raise our hearts to reach thy height,  
there thy face unclouded see,  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781–1821)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The presider welcomes the people to the service. As a reminder of our common baptism and the gift of forgiveness it brings, the presider goes to the font to bless the water, saying*

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal. Bless the water of our font and renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A member of the choir sings*

## ASPERGES

W.B. Wright (b. 1952)

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

To die to sin, to live for God, to share in Jesus' love: God's Spirit keeps us in this faith, this peace, this joy, this truth! *Refrain.*

*The Presider concludes with an absolution.*

**GLORIA** "Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienna" Messiaen  
from *L'Ascension*

(Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ which is its own glory)

*Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you. (John 17:1)*

In this toccata of the apocalypse, the soul rejoices to be in the presence of the light and to share in Christ's ascension. The anapestic rhythmic motif evokes shouts of "Gloria!" accelerating toward an implacable climax.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

God of power and might, in the mystery of the Ascension you have raised up and glorified your Son, and exalted our humanity at your right hand. Confirm the good news your Church proclaims, so that when Christ returns in glory all nations may be gathered into the kingdom, where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All                    **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The choir sings*

## PSALM 93

George Alexander Macfarren (1813-1887)

The Lord is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel;  
    the Lord has put on his apparel  
    and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure  
    that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established;  
    you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure,  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (24:44-53)

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The choir sings*

## CELTIC ALLELUIA

Fintan P. O'Carroll (1922-1981)

## SERMON

The Rev. Canon Lisa Hackney-James  
*Sub-Dean of the Cathedral*

*Please stand.*

## NICENE CREED

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each prayer, the response is*

<i>Reader</i>	Lord, in your mercy,
<i>All</i>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>

*The presider concludes, praying*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presider says*

	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>All</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

*The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*



# Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY

*Your offering supports the ongoing mission of St. James Cathedral, including the St. James Meals, Meals Among Us, and Summer in the City. [Contributions are accepted online](https://SaintJamesCathedral.org/give) at SaintJamesCathedral.org/give, by texting SJC to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the box at the back of the Cathedral.*

## OFFERTORY

“Alleluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel”  
from *L’Ascension*

Messiaen

(Serene alleluias of a soul longing for heaven)

*We beseech you, almighty God, that we may in mind dwell in Heaven. (Mass for Ascension Day)*

Messiaen had a lifelong obsession with birdsong, taking manuscript paper into the forests to write down the birds’ melodies. This movement evokes the holiness of nature, the soul taking flight as a bird wafting through the morning mist, or perhaps clouds of incense.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ the King of glory. Born of a woman, he came to the rescue of our human race. Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin. By the glory of his resurrection, he opened the way to life eternal and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope that where he is we may also be. Therefore, the universe resounds with Easter joy and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The presider introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, **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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

<i>Presider</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>All</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast.</b>

*The presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The choir sings*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

William Byrd (c.1539–1623)

*Non vos relinquam orphanos, alleluia.*

*Vado, et venio ad vos, alleluia.*

*Et gaudebit, cor vestrum, alleluia.*

I will not leave you orphans, alleluia.

I go, and I will come to you, alleluia.

And your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand. The presider says*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, **heavenly Father**, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The choir sings*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 215

1. See the Conqueror mounts in triumph; see the King in royal state,  
riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heavenly palace gate!  
Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful alleluias sing,  
and the portals high are lifted to receive their heavenly King.
2. He who on the cross did suffer, he who from the grave arose,  
he has vanquished sin and Satan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
While he lifts his hands in blessing, he is parted from his friends;  
while their eager eyes behold him, he upon the clouds ascends.
3. Thou hast raised our human nature on the clouds to God's right hand:  
there we sit in heavenly places, there with thee in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; We with God is on the throne;  
mighty Lord, in thine ascension, we by faith behold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710;  
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

## BLESSING

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Deacon                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
All                            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## VOLUNTARY

“Prière du Christ montant vers son Père”  
from *L’Ascension*

Messiaen

(The Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father)

*“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world... and now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.” (John 17:6, 11)*

*L’Ascension* ends with its slowest and quietest movement, savoring the tension and release of each harmony. The delicate, undulating melody suggests the wings of a dove, foreshadowing the sending of the disciples to continue Christ’s ministry on Pentecost.

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## MUSIC NOTE

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Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992) was arguably the first organist since Bach to achieve world-class recognition as a composer beyond music for choir and organ. His innovative and provocative voice placed him at the vanguard of 20<sup>th</sup>-century art music. His students comprised a veritable “who’s who” of the avant garde, including Pierre Boulez, Karlheinz Stockhausen, and Iannis Xianakis. Messiaen combed the globe for musical inspiration, drawing upon the music of other cultures and of nature itself. Above all, he was a devout Roman Catholic, serving as the titular organist of Église de la Trinité in Paris from 1931 until his death, and much of his music draws upon themes of faith and religious mysticism.

Messiaen experienced synesthesia – a neurological phenomenon in which the senses are blended. As he listened to or imagined music, he saw colors associated with each harmony. He approached composition like a painter, blending colors together to create evocative sonorities. Messiaen’s harmonic language is based not on major or minor scales but upon “modes of limited transposition.” Messiaen was obsessed with symmetry, and these modes divide the octave into repeating, symmetrical patterns of half and whole steps.

Messiaen composed *L’Ascension* in 1932–33 for orchestra and re-imagined it for organ the following year. The orchestral work was ahead of its time, receiving mixed reviews until it was championed by Sergei Koussevitzky in Boston. While much of the organ version is a transcription, “*Transports de joie*” is an entirely new movement, composed specifically for the organ.



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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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**FOR THOSE COMMEMDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY:** Susie, Betty, Sara, Graham, Lynda, Gloria, Philip, Aaliyah, Willie, Paula, Layton, Frances, Jane, Kathy, Cindy, Jordan, Forrest, Peter and Gerry

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMEMDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY:** Carroll Pierson, Zhen-Sheng Yu

**FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING:** Kamaree, Julius, John, Derrick, Eujon, Terrance, Eddie, and Diqawan

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE:** Congregations in the Joliet Deanery: St. Paul in Kankakee; St. John in Lockport; Good Shepherd in Momence; St. Thomas in Morris; Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: San Pedro in Veracruz; St. Peter in Wun-Kur

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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**PRESIDER:** The Rev. Anna Broadbent

**DEACON:** The Rev. Brenda Kilpatrick

**PREACHER:** The Rev. Canon Lisa Hackney-James

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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MONDAY-FRIDAY	9 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer ( <i>see website for link</i> )
MONDAY-FRIDAY	12:10 p.m.	In-Person Eucharist
SUNDAY	9 a.m.	In-Person Family Eucharist
	11 a.m.	In-Person Eucharist
		Live-Stream Service ( <i>see enews, YouTube, Facebook</i> )

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## CLERGY & STAFF

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