



# St James Cathedral

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*"Winter Mountain" by Sarah Winkler*

Holy Eucharist  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024 at 8 a.m.

# Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

Whether you are visiting or are a regular worshipper, you're not just welcome at St. James – you belong! This booklet contains everything you need to worship with us today. If you would like to learn about the mission and ministry of the cathedral, please complete one of the visitor cards available in the rear of the chapel and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy person.

## HOLY COMMUNION

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Let the priest know if you would need a gluten-free wafer or alcohol-free wine. We are also happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to come to the altar rail. Please let a priest 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 \$10. To receive a reduced-rate parking voucher, please go to the welcome table in the narthex or the reception desk in the Welcome Center.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Restrooms are in the Welcome Center connected to the east end of the cathedral and below the front entrance of the cathedral.

## GET INVOLVED

There are a variety of ways to become involved, whether you are a committed follower of Christ, an occasional visitor who appreciates our programming, or fall somewhere in between.

Refreshments are available after the service, where we look forward to getting to know you and helping you connect with this vibrant and historic community!



The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James,  
*Provost of the Cathedral*



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

# Gathering

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*As the clergy enter the chapel, please stand.*

*Presider*        Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All*              **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The presider welcomes the people to the service.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The presider pronounces God's forgiveness.*

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*        Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Malachi. (3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

All            **Thanks be to God.**

*Read in response by the reader and all.*

CANTICLE 16: *The Song of Zechariah*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear,

**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Please stand.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Presider*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (3:1–6)

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

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In 325, the first ecumenical council of the Church established the Nicene Creed as a universal statement of faith for every Christian. Through the 20th century, international ecumenical councils, biblical scholars, and language experts worked together to achieve the most accurate English translation. In 2018, The Episcopal Church voted to include this version in our prayer book to reclaim the original meaning of the Nicene Creed. Notice, for example, the original statement that the Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father.” The phrase “and the Son” was added later without the wider Church’s consent, therefore this version does not include it.

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*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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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*, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 petition, the response is*

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

*The presider concludes, praying*

**Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presider says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**

*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 welcome online at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/give](https://SaintJamesCathedral.org/give), by texting “SJC” to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.*

### 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out

of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By 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.*

**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.

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## THE ST. JAMES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*The presider says*

Let us pray.

Faithful God,  
you call us to be living stones in a spiritual temple.  
Bless the mission and outreach of this cathedral church.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
enable us confidently to restore its fabric,  
trustfully to reimagine our vocation,  
and boldly to renew our ministries in your name.

Make this place a house in which your love dwells  
and in which all your people find welcome.

Grant this, we pray, through the One who leads us ever onwards in your service,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and  
remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Presider*      Let us bless the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sign up for our weekly newsletter at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews](https://SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews) or texting SJCenews to 22828

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### THIS WEEK

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SCHEDULE Visit [SaintJamesCathedral.org/Schedule](https://SaintJamesCathedral.org/Schedule) to see the worship and formation schedule.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE TALLIS SCHOLARS – TOMORROW! Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at St. James. Welcome to Christmas with The Tallis Scholars! Join us at St. James Cathedral for a magical evening of beautiful choral music celebrating the holiday season. Immerse yourself in the stunning voices of The Tallis Scholars as they perform a selection of traditional Christmas carols and sacred music. Their program "In dulci jubilo" will feature Christmas music from the medieval period to the present era. Don't miss this unforgettable event that will fill your heart with the spirit of Christmas! See the ENews for tickets!

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM every weekday at 9:00 a.m. Every Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m., join us from the comfort of your home as we start off our day with prayer together. The Zoom Morning Prayer Link can be found on our website and the Sermon of the Day emails.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS through Advent we continue our regular pattern of gathering in community on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 pm in the cathedral for Evensong led by our choristers, followed by a community dinner at 6:00 pm in the Great Hall, adult formation at 6:30 pm, and compline at 7:30 pm. Join us for part or all of these community offerings. Contact the Rev. Canon Steven Balke at [sbalke@saintjamescathedral.org](mailto:sbalke@saintjamescathedral.org) for more information.

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### UPCOMING

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NINE LESSONS & CAROLS, Thursday, December 19, 7:30 p.m. The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols celebrates the Christmas story with lessons from scripture, carols new and old sung by the Cathedral Choir and Choristers, and beloved Christmas hymns sung by the congregation. Be sure to arrive early to get a good seat! The organ prelude begins at 6:45 p.m. A festive reception follows in Kyle's Place.

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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Brenda, Ellen, Richard, Ginger, Jane, John, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Elizabeth, Bill, Nancy, Tom, Lois, LaVonne, Bob, Oriana, Mary, Scott, Hazel, Hollis, Nathaniel, Paul, Catherine, Skylar, Larry, Dan, Joel, Robin

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Richard Muir, Lamont Bryant

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING: Kahnayee, Alexander, Ignacio, Laquinton, LEEANNE, Jon, Joshua, Osmer, Hector, Kenwon

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Organizations of Episcopal Charities: Bishop Anderson House; Cathedral Counseling Center; ReVive Center; Lawrence Hall; The Church Home at Montgomery Place; Primo Center for Women & Children. And for leaders in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

# CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

FAMILY EUCHARIST &  
CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR  
CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, Jan. 5 at 4 p.m.

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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PRESIDER & PREACHER: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist ( <i>Spoken</i> )	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist ( <i>Family</i> )	Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist ( <i>Choral</i> )	Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service ( <i>see enews, website, or YouTube</i> )	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong ( <i>Oct–June</i> )	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer ( <i>see enews, or website</i> )	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong ( <i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i> )	Cathedral
	7:30 p.m.	Compline ( <i>Wednesdays</i> )	Cathedral

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