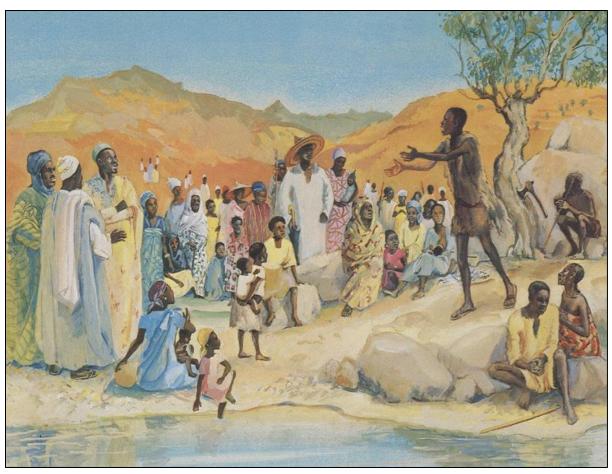


St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Restore. Reimagine. Rebuild.



"John the Baptist preaching in the desert" by Jesus Mafa

Holy Eucharist Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024 at 11 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.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome at St. James. We also offer nursery care with a changing station for parents of our youngest members. There is an open space to the front right of the pews for children to play under your supervision.

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 or minister 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 \$11. 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,

Lisa Hackney James

Provost of the Cathedral



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

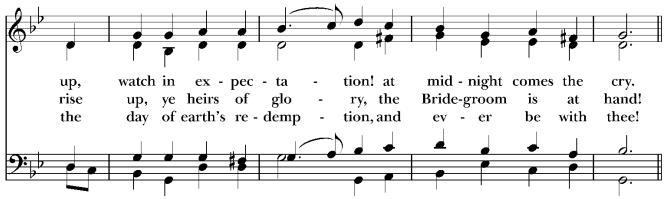
Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Please stand. **INTROIT HYMN** Hymnal 68 joice! re - joice, be - liev ers, and let your lights that your lamps are ple-nish them with burn ing, re oil; 3 Our hope and ex - pec ta tion, О Je - sus, now ap - pear; The eve - ning is ing, and dark - er night ad - vanc near. sin look now for your sal - va tion, the end of toil. rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere! a - ris - ing, and The will draw Bride-groom is he nigh; soon wait - ing, the The mar - riage - feast gates wide is o - pen stand; With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, plead, we O Lord, to see <u>a</u>.



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

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.

The choir sings

KYRIE from Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah. (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

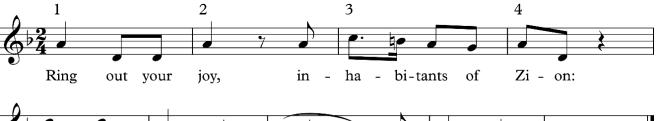
The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 9: Song of Isaiah

Stephen Buzard (b. 1989)

After the cantor sings the refrain, repeat and sing when indicated. The refrain may be sung in canon, starting at each number.





Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. *Refrain.* (unison)

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *Refrain*. (two-part canon)

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. *Refrain.* (three-part canon)

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. Refrain twice. (four-part canon)

SECOND READING

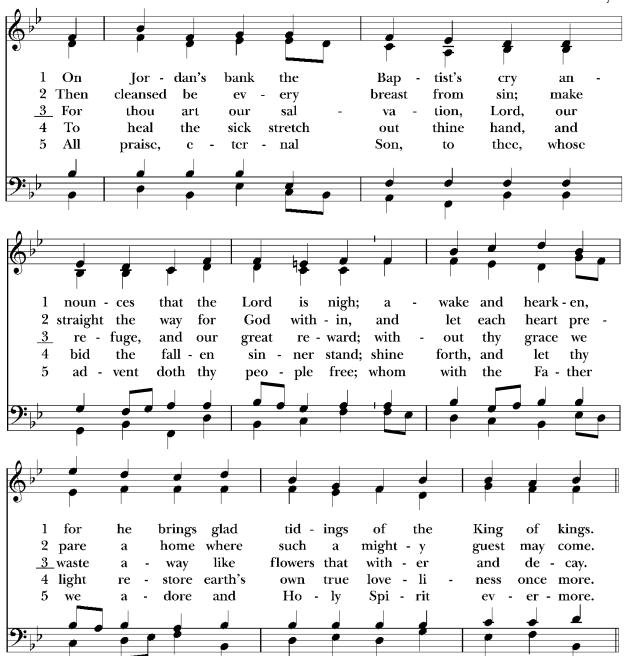
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.





Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1808-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (182301889), alt.

HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (3:7–18)

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him,

"And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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, that "he" pronouns for the Holy Spirit were not in the Creed as originally written, therefore this version also does not include them.

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

The presider concludes, praying

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your 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. <u>Contributions are welcome online</u> at SaintJamesCathedral.org/give, by texting "SJC" to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.

The choir sings
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Anon., attrib. John Redford (c. 1500–1547)

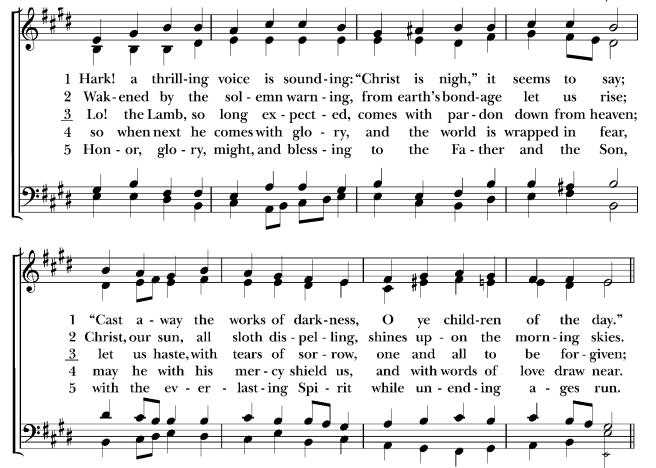
Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

-Philippians 4:4-7

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

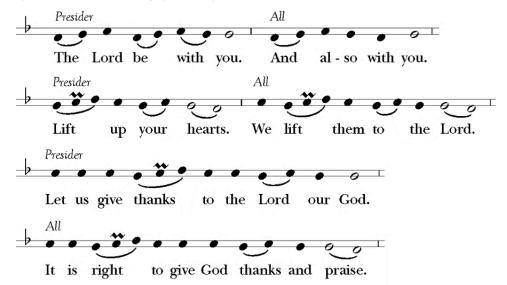
Hymnal 59



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.

Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

The choir sings

SANCTUS from Mass for Four Voices

Byrd

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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;

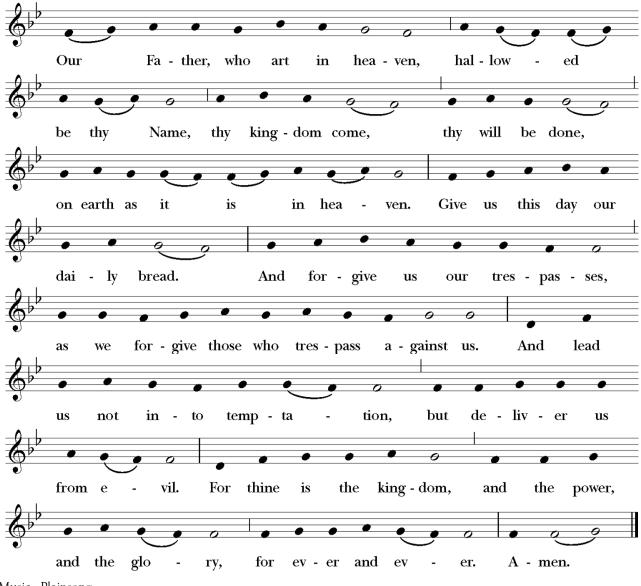
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 Hymnal S119

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



Music: Plainsong

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI from Mass for Four Voices

Byrd

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it. Please come forward to the communion rail to receive the bread. Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest, simply cross your arms over your chest.

All are invited to receive the chalice at the standing station at the side aisle as you return to your seat. Please let the chalice minster know if you would prefer to receive alcohol-free wine.

The choir sings

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Byrd

Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum: aperiatur terra, et germinet salvatorem.

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness: let the earth open, that salvation may spring up.

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.



Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876–1961), alt. Music: Ascension, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904–1988)

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.

VOLUNTARY

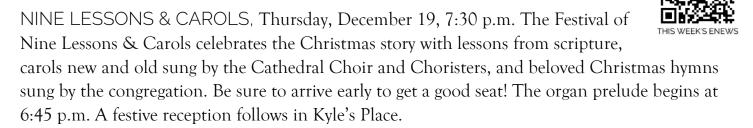
Trio super "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland," BWV 660 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THIS WEEK

SCHEDULE Visit *SaintJamesCathedral.org/Schedule* to see the worship and formation schedule.



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 and adult formation at 6:30 pm. Contact the Rev. Canon Steven Balke at *sbalke@saintjamescathedral.org* for more information.

ADVENT FORMATION

Sunday mornings at 10am in Kyle's Place: Don't just wait for Christmas to come this Advent. The season is also about anticipation of Christ that is to come ahead of us. Join us each Sunday for The Forum as we examine the style of writings in the Bible called "Apocalypse," or looking ahead at God's plan for the world. We will examine Old Testament readings, such as the Book of Daniel, and New Testament readings, such as the Book of Revelation.

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm: Nativity of Christ in the Gospels. This Advent, join us for an examination of the stories of the foretelling and birth of Jesus in each of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). We will learn how each of the different Gospels shape our understanding of the coming of Christ into the world.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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, Laura, Shari

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

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING: Brian, Brandson, Israel

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services: Ravenswood Community Services; Shelter Care Ministries; Holy Family School; St. Leonard's Ministries; Hopeful Beginnings; Youth Guidance; Waukegan to College; And for organizations of 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke

PREACHER: The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin ASSISTING: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James

WORSHIP SCHEDULE				
SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Spoken)	Chapel	
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Family)	Cathedral	
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Choral)	Cathedral	
		Live-Stream Service (see enews, website, or	news, website, or YouTube)	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong (Oct-June)	Cathedral	
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer (see enews, or website)	Zoom	
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral	
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong (Wednesdays, Sept-June)	Cathedral	

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