

St James Cathedral

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"Nativity" by Gerardo Dottori

Solemn Eucharist

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 at 10 p.m.



TASK FORCE

TaskForce Prevention & Community Services (TaskForce) is an agency on the West Side of Chicago, in the Austin community near our partnering church St. Martin's Episcopal Church, dedicated to serving vulnerable LGBTQ+ youth in underserved neighborhoods. Many of the youth served experience food insecurity and housing instability and are frequently victims of violence. The TaskForce provides a drop-in center, a safe space for this population to freely express themselves and their creativity through movement—dance and yoga. TaskForce also offers health and wellness education, violence prevention programming, legal services, counseling, job training and referrals for additional support needed.

As part of TaskForce "Basic Needs Program" they offer youth 1) Food and Clothing Assistance 2) Housing and Work Assistance and 3) Health, Wellness and Safety. Toward that aim, since April of this year, St. James, together with St. Martin's, have provided meals for 50 youth on the first and third Mondays of every month.

TaskForce serves over 250 LGBTQ+ young people monthly. A portion of our Christmas Offering will support TaskForce and their important mission. You may make your donation at https://onrealm.org/sjc/give/ChristmasOffering or use this QR code:

Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

God chose to share fully in the life of the world, born as a humble and impoverished baby. From lowly beginnings, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and Messiah, lost no chance to show the world God's love for all people... notably the poor, the vulnerable, the outcast, and those in need.

Just as the Christ child and his parents undertook a difficult journey away from danger, families in our current time are forced to take a similar journey. And so, this year's Christmas offering will be dedicated to supporting our fellow children of God.

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 an usher know if this would be helpful for you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Restrooms are in the Welcome Center connected to the east end of the cathedral and on the lower level by the Wabash entrance of the cathedral.

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.

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James,

Lisa Hackney James

Provost of the Cathedral



Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Symphonie Gothique, op. 70

Charles-Marie Widor

(1844-1937)

I. Moderato

II. Andante Sostenuto

III. Allegro

IV. Moderato

Music Note

Our guest organist for Christmas Eve is Katelyn Emerson. A prizewinner of competitions on three continents, Ms. Emerson is one of the most promising and sought-after concert organists of her generation. She is currently a PhD candidate at the Centre for Music and Science at the University of Cambridge.

Please stand.





- 6. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest:

 Refrain
- 7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesu, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain

Words: Trad., trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)

Music: Adeste fideles, melody John Francis Wade (1711-1786); arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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

GLORIA from Missa ad praesepe

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,

gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnibotens.

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe,

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis;

qui tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,

tu solus Dominus,

tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spiritu

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

George Malcolm (1917–1997)

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the

Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah. (52:7-10)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

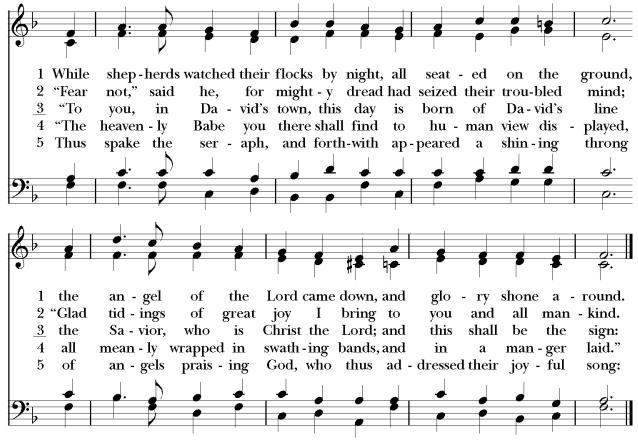
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.





6 "All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

Music: Winchester Old, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922; arr. Willcocks

HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (1:1–14)
All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know

him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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, 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

Father, on this holy night angels and shepherd worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. **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



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

William Mathias (1934-1992)

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. Veni Creator Spiritus. [Come, Creator Spirit]

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, The child of bliss now born he was; And him to serve God give us grace, O lux beata Trinitas. [O Trinity of blessed light]

There came three kings out of the East, To worship the King that is so free, With gold and myrrh and frankincense, A solis ortus cardine. [From the rising of the sun]

The angels came down with one cry, A fair song that night sung they In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine. [Glory to thee, O Lord] Noel!

- 15th century, anon.

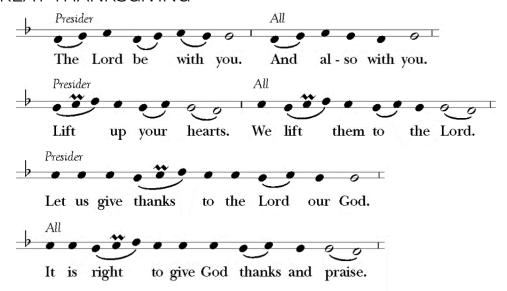


Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348–410?);

tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 Missa ad praesepe

Malcolm

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hea

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

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,

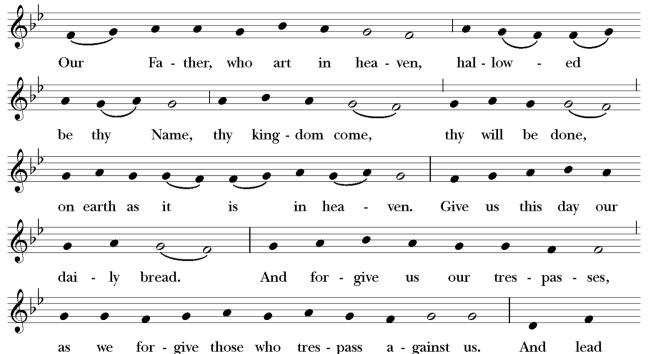
We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

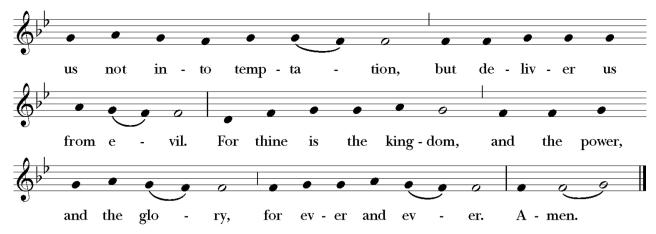
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

The choir sings

AGNUS DEI from Missa ad praesepe

Malcolm

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.

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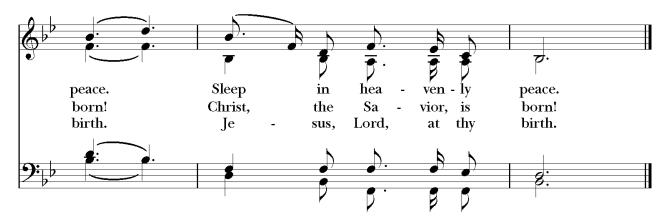
The choir sings COMMUNION ANTHEM

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger!
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!





Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885) Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910); descant by Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand. The presider says

Let us pray.

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.



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

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831–1915), arr. Philip Ledger

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.

BLESSING

The Presider prays for God's blessing on the gathered people, saying

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. 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

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER & PREACHER: 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	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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