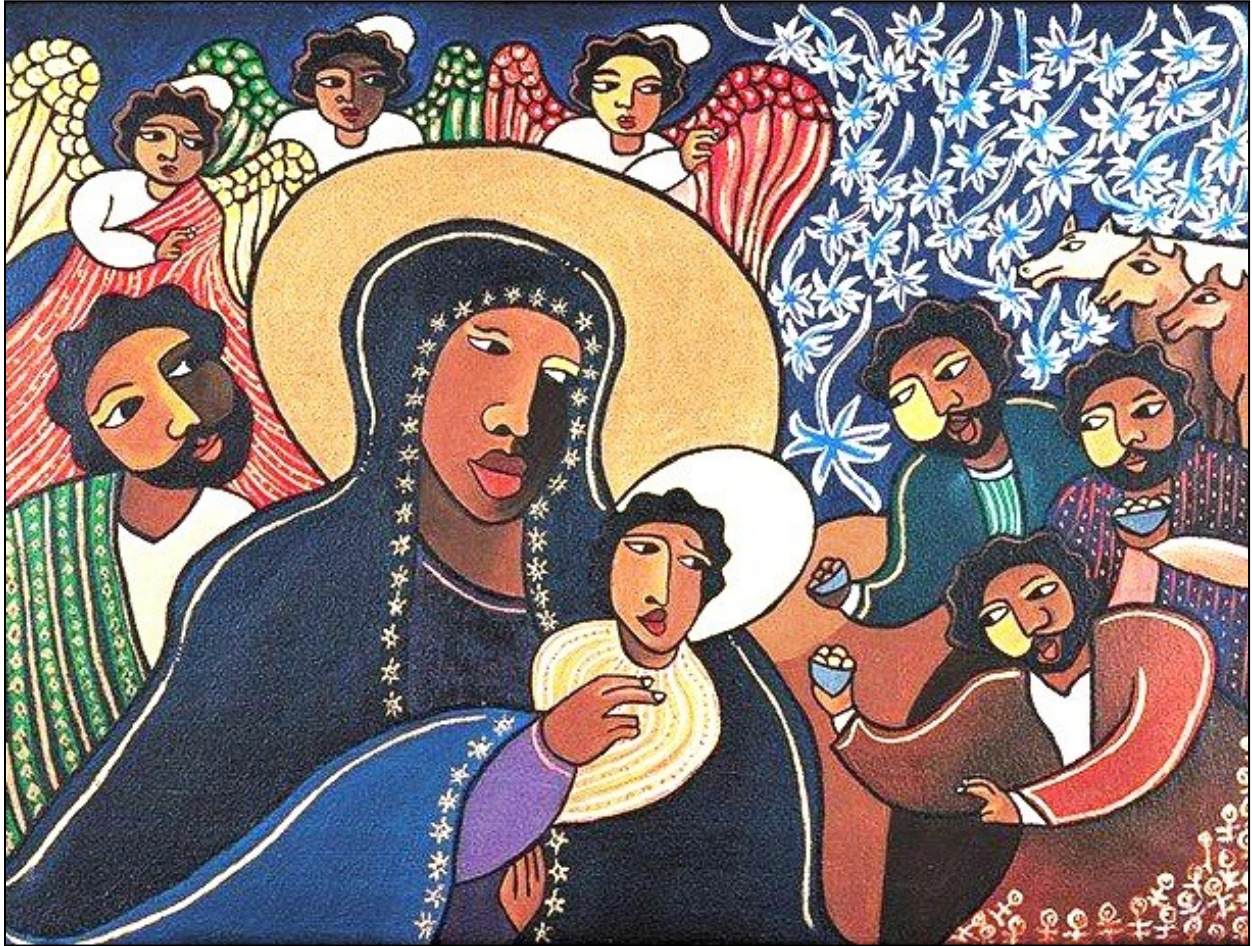




St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

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"Nativity" by Laura James

Holy Eucharist
First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2024 at 9 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 here, and this service is designed to actively engage them in worship. There is an open space to the front right of the pews for children 5 and under to play under your supervision and a changing station for parents of our youngest members under the church in the restrooms.

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. 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

VOLUNTARY

Dent Davidson, *guest musician*

Please stand.

INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 105



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



Refrain
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Words: London carol, 18th cent.

Music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

All Glory to God for ever and ever.

The presider welcomes the people to the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Reader We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The presider pronounces God's forgiveness.

GLORIA

Hymnal 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.

Music: *Gloria*, arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

God in Trinity, eternal communion of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. (61:10-62:3)

I celebrate and shout because of my Lord God. His saving power and justice are the very clothes I wear. They are more beautiful than the jewelry worn by a bride or groom. The Lord will bring about justice and praise in every nation on earth, like flowers blooming in a garden. Jerusalem, I will speak up for your good. I will never be silent till you are safe and secure, sparkling like a flame. Your great victory will be seen by every nation and king; the Lord will even give you a new name. You will be a glorious crown, a royal headband for the Lord your God.

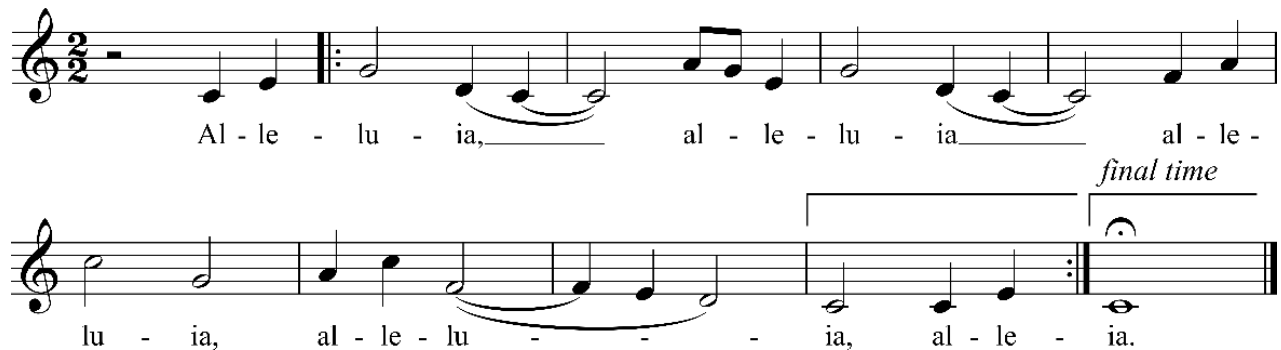
The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA

As the Gospeller carries the Gospel book past the play area, all children are encouraged to join in the procession, gathering around as the Gospel is read.



Music: *Repeating alleluia*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (1:1-18)

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

In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

There was a man named John who was sent by God. He came to tell people the truth about the Light so that through him all people could hear about the Light and believe. John was not the Light, but he came to tell people the truth about the Light. The true Light that gives light to all was coming into the world!

The Word was in the world, and the world was made by him, but the world did not know him. He came to the world that was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him and believe in him he gave the right to become children of God. They did not become his children in any human way—by any human parents or human desire. They were born of God.

The Word became a human and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father—and he was full of grace and truth. John tells the truth about him and cries out, saying, “This is the One I told you about: ‘The One who comes after me is greater than I am, because he was living before me.’”

Because he was full of grace and truth, from him we all received one gift after another. The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son is very close to the Father, and he has shown us what God is like.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON

The Rev. A. Frank Donaghue

Priest Associate

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
3. We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bond - ing all the
things that be. Ma - ker of the earth and hea - vens,
cru - ci - fied; ta - ken from the cross, was bur - ied,
saints with - in one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly,
keep - er of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus,
true life there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the third day
where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bo - dy's re - sur - rec - tion,
now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spi - rit
Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's
and of Ma - ry born to bring e - ter - nal life.
to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

Music: Greensleeves, English Melody

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give thanks for what is good in the world and pray for the Church, the world and our local community, the sick, those who need our prayers, and those who have died.

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 by scanning the QR code, texting “SJC” to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 101

Once the ushers have brought up the collection to the altar, all are invited to gather around the altar for Communion.



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol

Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God 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.**

Reader Why is it right to give God thanks and praise?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Reader Why do we share this bread and wine?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.



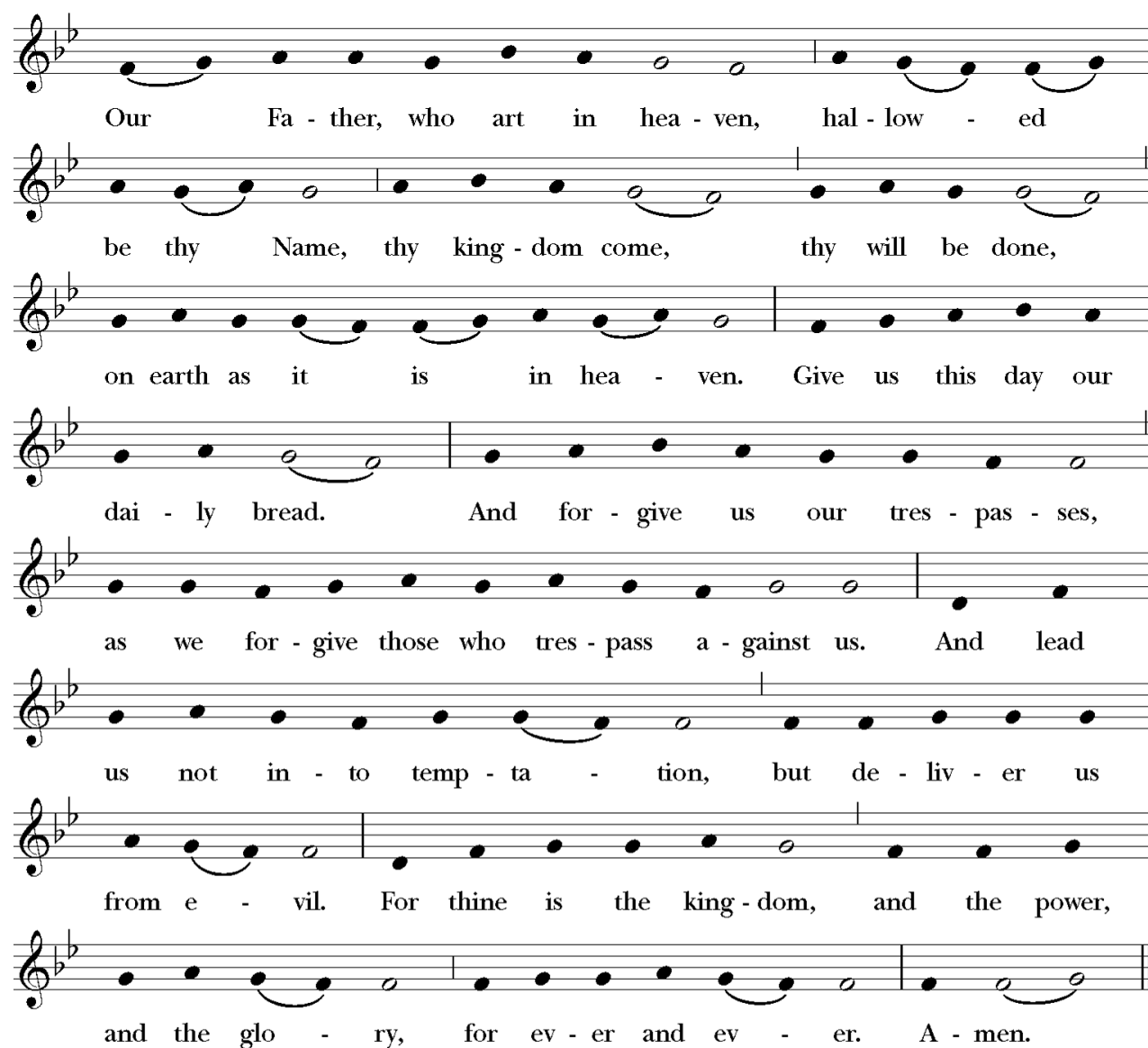
Reader How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal S119



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



Je - sus, Je - sus is the Lord, Je - sus is the Lord, who
 was and is and is to come, Je - sus is the Lord.

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. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 99

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967)

Music: Go Tell It on the Mountain, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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.

DISMISSAL

<i>Presider</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY



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



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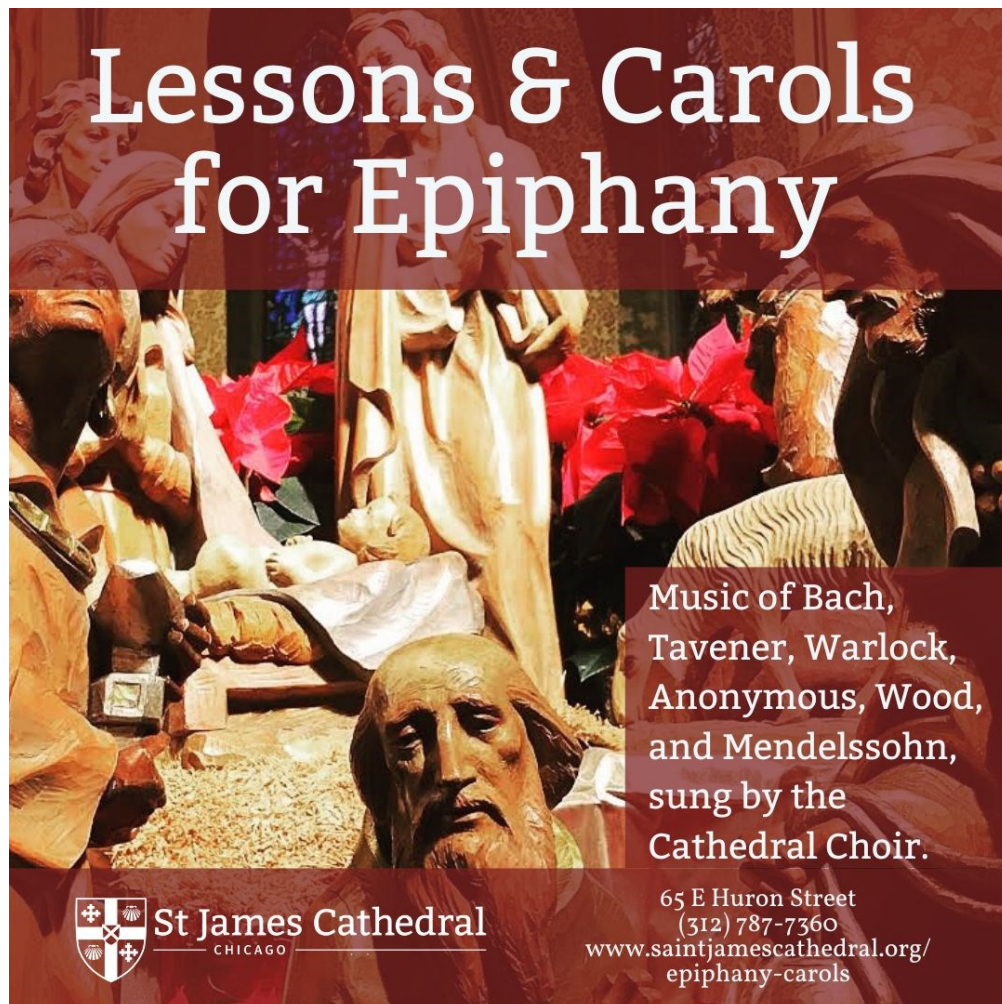
THIS WEEK

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




CATHEDRAL OFFICES ARE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS and will reopen Thursday, January 2. Zoom Morning Prayer and 12:10 p.m. Eucharists will resume on Thursday, January 2. Formation resumes on Wednesday nights beginning January 8.

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS Sunday, January 5 at 4 p.m. A new service of Lessons & Carols on the Eve of the Epiphany. We often forget that Christmas is a season, lasting until the coming of the Magi celebrated on Epiphany, January 6. We have devised a new service in the Lessons and Carols format to take us through the story of that journey and Christ's infancy. A festive reception will follow in Kyle's Place featuring the traditional chalk blessing ritual.



Lessons & Carols for Epiphany

Music of Bach,
Tavener, Warlock,
Anonymous, Wood,
and Mendelssohn,
sung by the
Cathedral Choir.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James PREACHER: The Rev. A. Frank Donaghue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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