



# St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Restore. Reimagine. Rebuild.



*Altarpiece at the Church of Dominus Flevit on the Mount of Olives*

Holy Eucharist  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025 at 8 a.m.

# Lenten Appeals 2025

## SAFE SANCTUARIES FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

*Inspired by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde's January 21 post-inauguration sermon pleading for mercy for immigrants and those in the LGBTQ+ community, the St. James Cathedral Chapter unanimously voted to support two organizations focused on these populations in Chicago.*

### DIOCESE OF CHICAGO SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee, created by Diocesan Convention in 2019 and formalized in 2024, connects with other local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engages in educating, organizing, advocacy and direct action to ensure the safety and security of the undocumented community. The committee assists in equipping congregations, clergy, and lay leaders to engage in this work based on their local contexts, capacity, and discernment and implementing the work called for by convention resolutions.



Our 2025 Lenten Appeal will not only support the work of the Sanctuary Committee, but also the Asylum Seekers Emergency Fund, established to help meet the immediate needs of the newest Chicagoans and help put them on a path to independence.

### ST. MARTIN'S-A SAFE SPACE FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE

Located in Chicago's historic Austin neighborhood, St. Martin's Episcopal Church was founded in 1878 and is one of the few safe spaces for support and community building among LGBTQ+ people on Chicago's West Side. St. Martin's plays a vital role in responding both to the needs of their immediate neighborhood as well as their broader context. St. Martin's describe themselves as "a small congregation with a huge heart for all of God's people."



Our 2025 Lenten Appeal will support direct outreach and our growing partnership with St. Martin's work for the LGBTQ+ community on Chicago's West Side.

### TO DONATE

Write "2025 Lenten Appeal" on your check or envelope memo or donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting [SaintJamesCathedral.org/give](https://SaintJamesCathedral.org/give) and choosing "2025 Lenten Appeal" under Fund.



# 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,  
*Dean of the Cathedral*



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS



# Gathering

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*Presider*        Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All*                **His mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

## 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 saying*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## 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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Genesis. (15:1-12, 17-18)

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

All            **Thanks be to God.**

*Read in response by the reader and all.*

PSALM 27:1-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

**the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me,  
**yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

And though war should rise up against me,  
**yet will I put my trust in him.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
    **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
    **and to seek him in his temple.**  
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
    **he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling**  
    **and set me high upon a rock.**  
Even now he lifts up my head  
    **above my enemies round about me.**  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
    **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

*Please stand.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Presider*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (13:31-35)

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Canon Steven Balke  
Canon Vicar

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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 original Creed stated that the divine Jesus was made an incarnate human through the Holy Spirit and Mary, therefore that language is restored in this version.

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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*

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

*The presider concludes, praying*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

*The presider says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

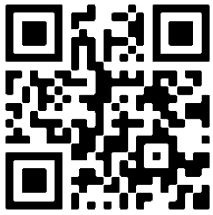
*All*            **And also with you.**

*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, by texting “SJC” to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate. To donate to this year’s Lenten Appeal for Safe Sanctuaries, please write in the memo or select online “Lenten Appeal”, or text “SJC Lent” to 73256.*

## 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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 the one 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.*

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

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*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.

*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 or alcohol-free wine.*

## 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.

## A PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel or bow as the Presider prays*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Presider*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*                Thanks be to God.



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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, Bill, Nancy, Lois, Bob, Mary, Scott, Hazel, Hollis, Shari, Sara Jane, Frederick, Yvonne, Sandra, Lee, John, Greg, Tom, Ann, Kaye, Marco, Juan, Patrick, Joy

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Fran Horn

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING: Deshaunte, Drevon, Eddie, Keymani, Tayon

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery: St. Andrew in Chicago; St. Martin in Chicago; St. Margaret of Scotland in Chicago Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: Holy Trinity in Oaxaca; St. John in Melut

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

**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.

**FORMATION** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Rm. 1: *The Disciple's Way* Book Study, a series of daily reflections by current leaders of The Episcopal Church. Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Kyle's Place: An exploration of how the arts can form and move our faith lives. Learn more at [saintjamescathedral.org/lent](https://saintjamescathedral.org/lent)

**PARISH RETREAT WITH ST. MARTIN'S** In Times Like These: The Spirituality of Howard Thurman and Martin Luther King, Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn more and register at [saintjamescathedral.org/retreat](https://saintjamescathedral.org/retreat).

**ACOLYTE & ALTAR GUILD RETREAT** April 5: A retreat for all current altar servers as well as anyone who wants to learn more about becoming a member of the Altar Guild or helping serve as an acolyte. This will be a Saturday afternoon of prayer, fellowship, and formation together. Please contact the church office for more information or to sign-up.



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS



LENT AT THE CATHEDRAL



PARISH RETREAT WITH ST. MARTIN'S





# Drawing Closer to God Through the Arts

2025 Lenten Preaching and Teaching Series



**Sunday, March 16 + Anne Searle Bent, M.Ed.**

Author of *Art and the Experience of the Divine*

Teaching at 10 a.m. Forum in Kyle's Place

Preaching at 11 a.m. Eucharist



**Sunday, March 23 + Matthew Milliner, Ph.D.**

Author of *Mother of the Lamb: The Story of a Global Icon*

Teaching at 10 a.m. Forum in Kyle's Place

Preaching at 11 a.m. Eucharist



**Sunday, March 30 + Michael Stauffer, M.F.A.**

Chair of the St. James Cathedral Arts Council

Teaching at 10 a.m. Forum in Kyle's Place

*Art as a Source of Contemplation*



**Sunday, April 6 + The Rev. Roger Ferlo, Ph.D.**

President Emeritus of Bexley Seabury Seminary

Teaching at 10 a.m. Forum in Kyle's Place

*Poets Reading Dante in a World on Fire*

Preaching at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Eucharists

[SaintJamesCathedral.org/Lent](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/Lent)





# Holy Week



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **PALM SUNDAY** April 13

8, 9, and 11 a.m. **Eucharist**

4 p.m. A Child of Our Time:

Choral Responses to the St. Luke Passion

### **MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK** April 14

12:10 and 5:30 p.m. Eucharist

### **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK** April 15

12:10 p.m. Chrism Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Eucharist

### **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK** April 16

12:10 and 5:30 p.m. Eucharist

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY** April 17

6:30 p.m. **Eucharist and Foot Washing**

### **GOOD FRIDAY** April 18

1:30 p.m. **Liturgy of the Passion**

6:30 p.m. Seven Last Words

### **HOLY SATURDAY** April 19

8 p.m. **Easter Vigil Eucharist**

Festive reception following

### **EASTER DAY** April 20

8, 9, and 11 a.m. **Eucharist**

10 a.m. Children's Activities.



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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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PRESIDER & PREACHER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke

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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

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