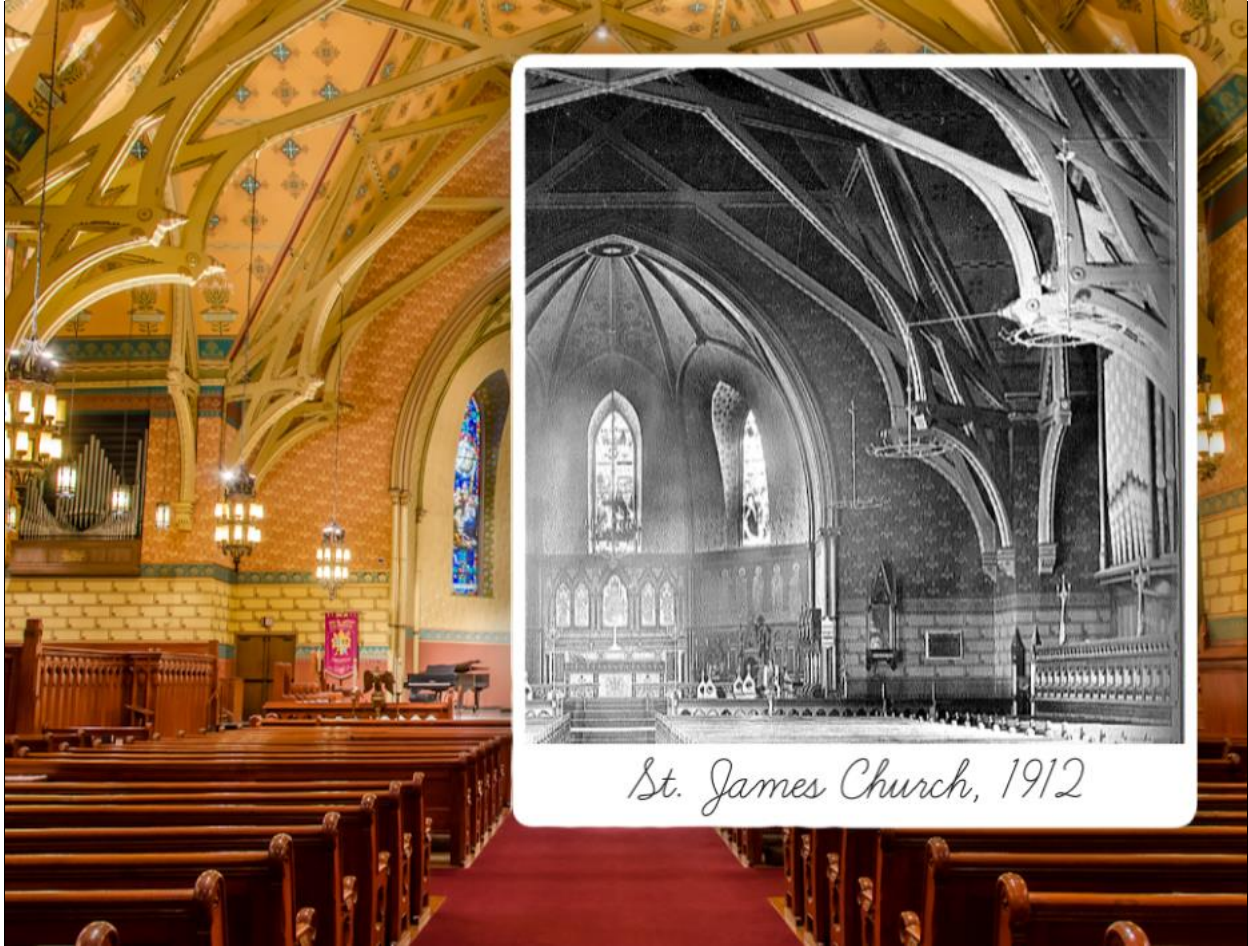




St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

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St. James Church (1912) and St. James Cathedral (2016)

Choral Evensong Diocesan Choir Festival May 18, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

On behalf of Bishop Paula Clark and the St. James community, we welcome you to your cathedral! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for this joyful diocesan gathering. We are particularly grateful for the opportunity to host so many singers from around the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, who have come together to raise their voices in one unified prayer this evening.

This evening's service is from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, which has been the basis of Evensong liturgies in the Anglican and Episcopal family ever since. Thomas Cranmer sought to simplify the daily pattern of prayer by creating Evensong out of Vespers and Compline. The high point of the service are the two canticles which celebrate Christ's Incarnation: Mary's song of joy we call the *Magnificat*, and Simeon's song of revelation we call the *Nunc Dimittis*.

You are encouraged to stand, kneel, or sit where indicated. Above all, make space to allow the beauty of spoken and sung scripture to bring you closer to God.

Whether you are a committed follower of Christ, a first-time visitor, or fall somewhere in between, we are happy you chose to worship with us today.

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

LIVE-STREAM NOTICE

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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. please go to the welcome table in the narthex or the reception desk in the Welcome Center.

DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL CONGREGATIONS

St. Mark's Church, Glen Ellyn

St. James Cathedral, Chicago

St. Paul's by the Lake, Chicago

Church of the Atonement, Chicago

Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Elegy

William Grant Still (1895-1978)

Please stand as the choir enters the Cathedral.

INTROIT

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there. If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

PRECES

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

The Dean introduces the service and welcomes the congregation.

Please be seated.

PSALM 84

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

O how amiable are thy dwellings,
thou LORD of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;
even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;
they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well;
and the pools are filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength,
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our defender,
and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For one day in thy courts
is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God,
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the LORD God is a light and defence;
the LORD will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that
live a godly life.
O LORD God of hosts,
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon. (7:22-8:1)

For wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, agile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets, for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be more radiant, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

Please stand.



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set-ting: mir - ror of
 3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
 4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
 5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night give
 2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
 3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
 4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
 5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn-ment, stars _____ in the hea - vens.
 2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
 3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
 4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
 5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now _____ and for ev - er.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964) | rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)

Music: *Mighty Savior*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

Please remain standing.

MAGNIFICAT from *Evening Service in E-flat no. 2*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. (7:7-14)

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS from *Evening Service in E-flat no. 2*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSES

Ayleward

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which in heaven art, Lord hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, even as the same in heaven is. Give us, O Lord, our daily bread this day, as we forgive our debtors, so forgive our debts we pray. Into temptation lead us not, from evil make us free. For Kingdom, pow'r and glory thine both now and ever be. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Choir Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Officiant Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: For the love of thy only Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,

ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

Please stand.

HYMN

Hymnal 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt.
Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

SERMON

The Very Rev. George D. Smith
Rector, St. Mark's Church, Glen Ellyn

OFFERTORY



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Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 537

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892)

BLESSING

The Dean prays for God's blessing on the gathered people.

VOLUNTARY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PREACHER: The Very Rev. George D. Smith OFFICIANT: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James

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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