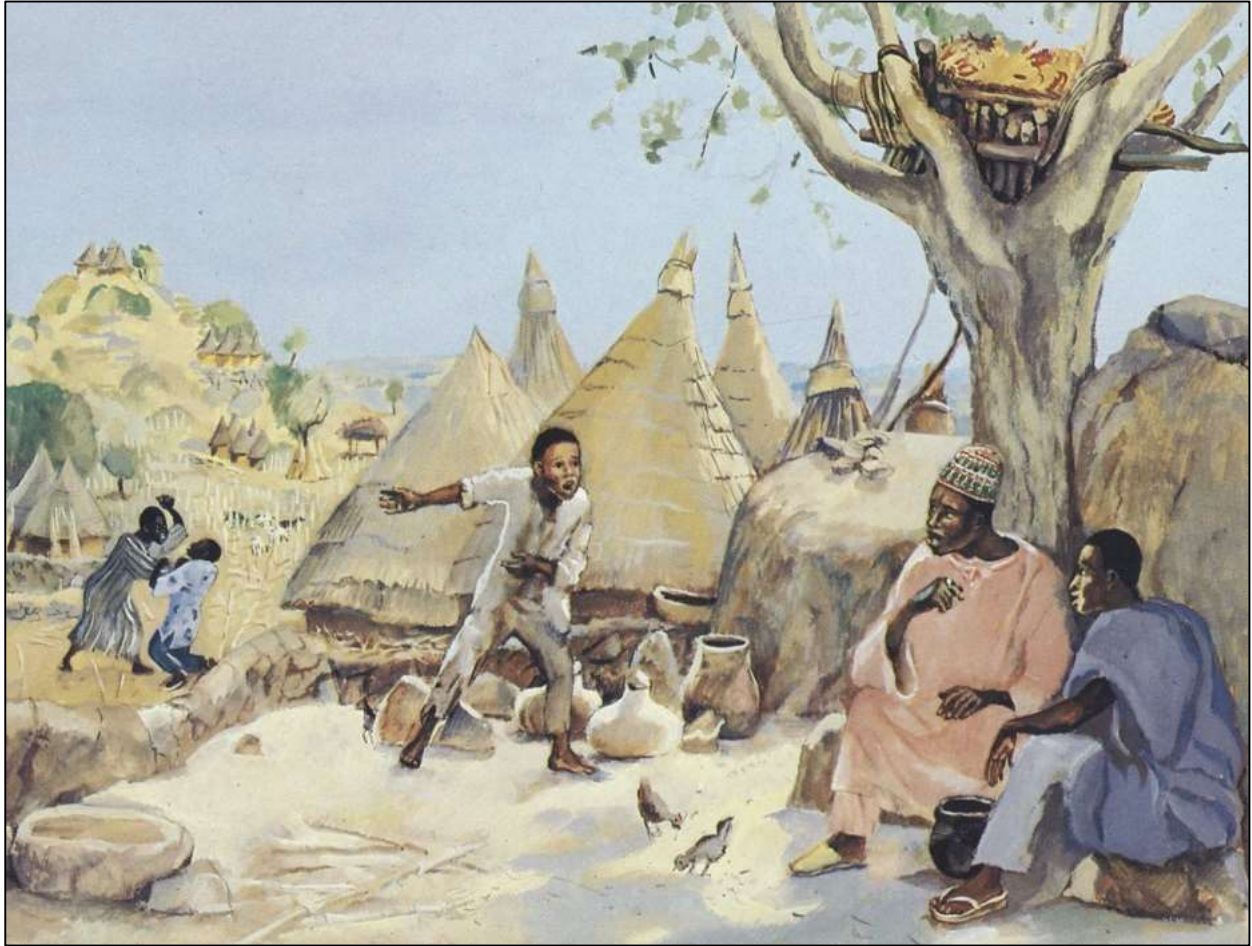




# St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Restore. Reimagine. Rebuild.



*"The Unforgiving Servant" by Jesus Mafa*

Holy Eucharist  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 2023 at 8 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.

## 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 Center desk in the narthex.

## 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

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*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.*

## 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.*

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Genesis. (50:15-21)

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Read in response by the reader and all.*

PSALM 103:1-13

Bless the Holy One, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy Name.**

Bless the Holy One, O my soul,  
**and forget not all the gifts of God.**

O God, you forgive all our sins  
**and you heal all our infirmities;**

You redeem our life from the grave  
**and crown us with mercy and loving-kindness;**

You satisfy us with good things,  
**and our youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

O God, you execute righteousness  
**and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

You made your ways known to Moses  
**and your works to the children of Israel.**

You are full of compassion and mercy,  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

You will not always accuse us,  
**nor will you keep your anger for ever.**

You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our sins from us.

As a parent cares for a child,  
so do you care for those who fear you.

*Please stand.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (18:21-35)

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin  
*Canon for Community Partnerships*

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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*                         **Hear our prayer.**

*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](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/give), by texting “SJC” to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.*

## 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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

*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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*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 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.

## BLESSING

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

## 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: Shirley, Sarah, Brenda, Ellen, Richard, Nancy, Harriette, Maliha and Nasir, Ginger, Viola, Kelly, Hope, Jane, Loya and Andronica, Hailey

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Grace Elizabeth Gurney

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Alexis, Misael, Tyrell

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: Diocesan Agencies: Bishop & Trustees; Diocesan Council, Diocesan Foundation, Episcopal Charities & Community Services; and Standing Committee

ST. JAMES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN entitled *Restore Reimagine Rebuild* was launched at our Annual Meeting. All parishioners will be contacted with more information on this campaign, but in the meantime you can view the campaign brochure at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/Capital-Campaign](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/Capital-Campaign).

**“St. James is my church home. Our congregation, ministries, and sacred space are essential parts of my spiritual life. My contribution to the capital campaign is a way to demonstrate that I value my St. James experiences. Perhaps more importantly, my contribution to the capital campaign is a way for me to do my part to ensure that St. James will continue to be available for others.”**

**– Nicole Spencer, Senior Warden**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sign up for our weekly newsletter at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews) or texting SJCenews to 22828

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### THIS WEEK

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THE FORUM: SEASON OF GRATITUDE returns today at 10 a.m. in Kyle's Place. Canon Director of Music Stephen Buzard will give a presentation on the history of music at St. James. St. James boasts a rich musical heritage, and although our music ministry has taken many forms, our parish's commitment to musical excellence has been unwavering. Learn about the history of our choirs and the fascinating people who have led them over nearly two centuries of worship.



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORMATION: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID began this past Wednesday and will continue on Wednesdays, September 20, 27, and October 4. This training, led by certified Mental Health First Aid trainer The Rev. Canon Steven Balke, teaches us how we can help our families, friends, and neighbors experiencing a moment of crisis. See the enews or website for schedule and how to RSVP.

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### UPCOMING

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NEWCOMER LUNCH next Sunday, September 24 at 12:30 p.m. all who are newer or seeking to reconnect with the St. James community are invited to gather for a meal and conversation with the Invite, Welcome, Connect team and St. James clergy. See the enews to RSVP.

PRE-ADVENT JOINT RETREAT WITH ST. MARTIN'S Save the date for our next joint retreat with St. Martin's on Saturday, October 28 from 9-3 p.m. here at the Cathedral led by renowned spiritual director, Juan Reed. Keep an eye on the enews and website for more information next week.

VOCES8 RETURNS TO ST. JAMES on Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. St. James is proud to welcome back this world-renowned ensemble. The program, *Draw on Sweet Night*, features music by Tallis, Brahms, Pärt, and more! Tickets are on sale now, and are expected to sell quickly. Get your tickets at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/VOCES8](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/VOCES8).



PARISH SURVEY The Invite, Welcome, Connect team has been working on a parish survey to gauge interest in current and future ministries for new program year at the Cathedral. We hope all will take a moment to fill it out. You can scan the QR code to the left, or find a link in the enews. If you have any issues, questions, or problems with the survey, please contact Sean Bala at

[seanbala@outlook.com](mailto:seanbala@outlook.com).

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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### PRESIDER & PREACHER:

The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin

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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–Jun</i> )	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
			( <i>see enews, or website</i> )
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong ( <i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i> )	Cathedral

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