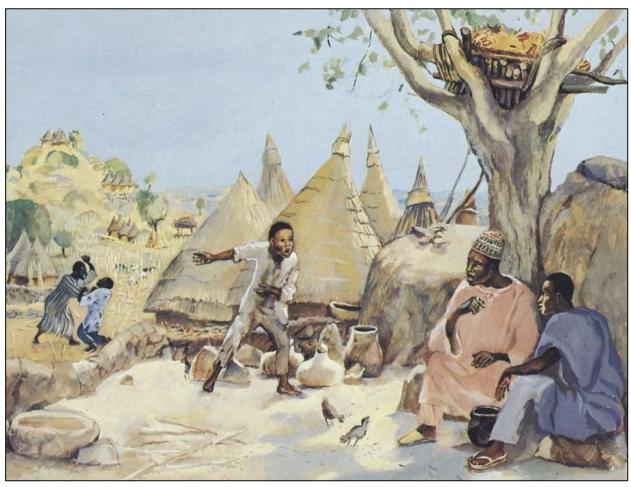


St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Restore. Reimagine. Rebuild.



"The Unforgiving Servant" by Jesus Mafa

Holy Eucharist

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 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 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,

Tisa Hackney James

Provost of the Cathedral



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

Gathering

VOLUNTARY



Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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 You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Reader You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Reader You make the torn and divided one by your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The presider pronounces God's forgiveness.

GLORIA



Words: Edwin Le Grice (1911-1992)

Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), alt.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. (14:1–12)

Welcome all the Lord's followers, even those whose faith is weak. Don't criticize them for having beliefs that are different from yours. Some think it is all right to eat anything, while those whose faith is weak will eat only vegetables. But you should not criticize others for eating or for not eating. After all, God welcomes everyone. What right do you have to criticize someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right, and the Lord will make sure that they do right.

Some of the Lord's followers think one day is more important than another. Others think all days are the same. But each of you should make up your own mind. Any followers who count one day more important than another day do it to honor their Lord. And any followers who eat meat give thanks to God, just like the ones who don't eat meat.

Whether we live or die, it must be for God, rather than for ourselves. Whether we live or die, it must be for the Lord. Alive or dead, we still belong to the Lord. This is because Christ died and rose to life, so that he would be the Lord of the dead and of the living. Why do you criticize other followers of the Lord? Why do you look down on them? The day is coming when God will judge all of us. In the Scriptures God says, "I swear by my very life that everyone will kneel down and praise my name!"

And so, each of us must give an account to God for what we do.

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: Caribbean traditional, arr. John L. Bell (b. 1949)

HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (18:21–35)

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, when my fellow believer sins against me, how many times must I forgive him? Should I forgive him as many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, you must forgive him more than seven times. You must forgive him even if he wrongs you seventy times seven.

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who decided to collect the money his servants owed him. When the king began to collect his money, a servant who owed him several million dollars was brought to him. But the servant did not have enough money to pay his master, the king. So the master ordered that everything the servant owned should be sold, even the servant's wife and children. Then the money would be used to pay the king what the servant owed.

But the servant fell on his knees and begged, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe.' The master felt sorry for his servant and told him he did not have to pay it back. Then he let the servant go free. Later, that same servant found another servant who owed him a few dollars. The servant grabbed him around the neck and said, 'Pay me the money you owe me!' The other servant fell on his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe.'

But the first servant refused to be patient. He threw the other servant into prison until he could pay everything he owed. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very sorry. So they went and told their master all that had happened.

Then the master called his servant in and said, 'You evil servant! Because you begged me to forget what you owed, I told you that you did not have to pay anything. You should have showed mercy to that other servant, just as I showed mercy to you.' The master was very angry and put the servant in prison to be punished until he could pay everything he owed.

This king did what my heavenly Father will do to you if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

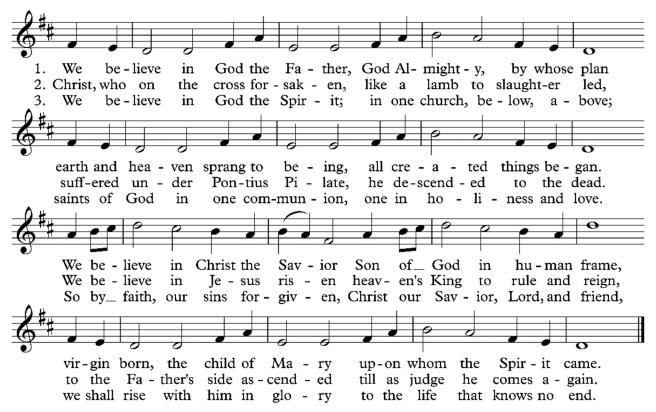
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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SERMON

The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin Canon for Community Partnerships

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); from the Apostles' Creed Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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. <u>Contributions are welcome online</u> at SaintJamesCathedral.org/give, by texting "SJC" to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.

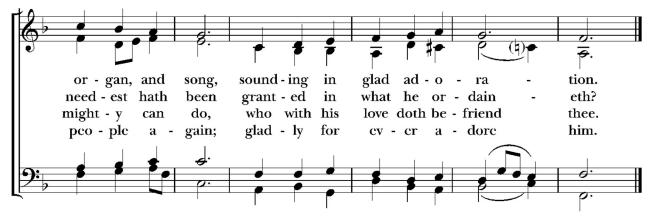
Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 390

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





Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

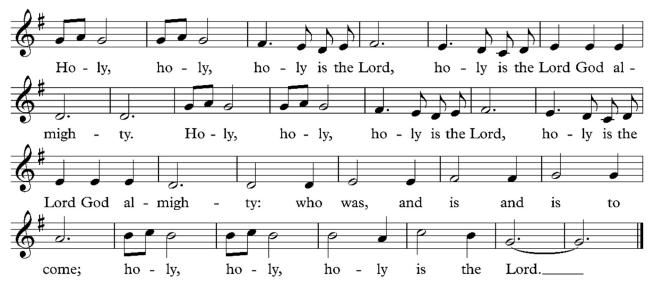
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. 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.

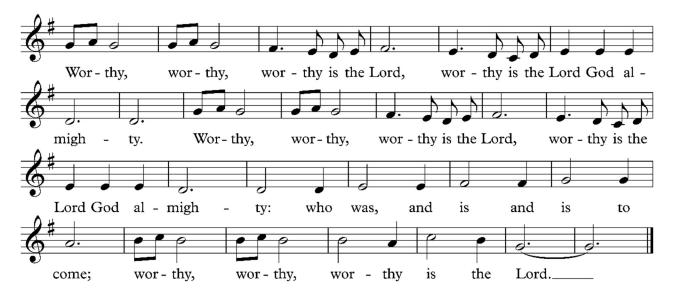
Reader Why do we share this bread and wine?

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."

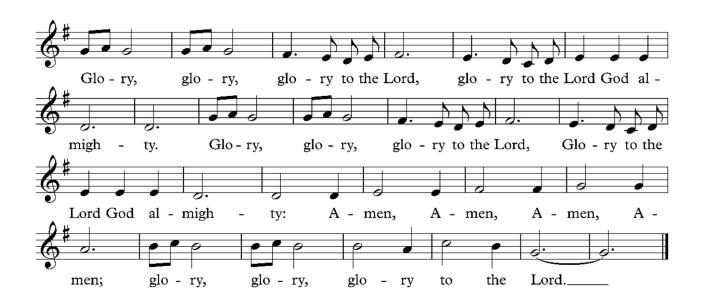
So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

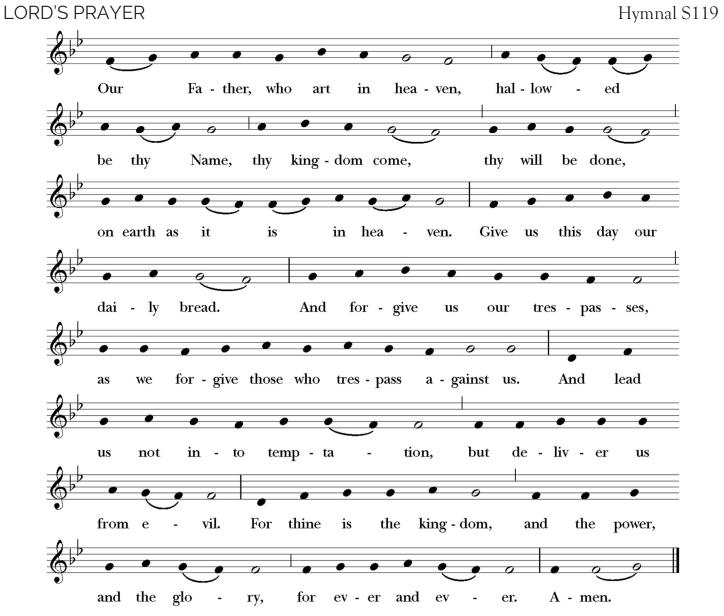


Reader How do we follow Jesus Christ?

All Listen, and we will hear.

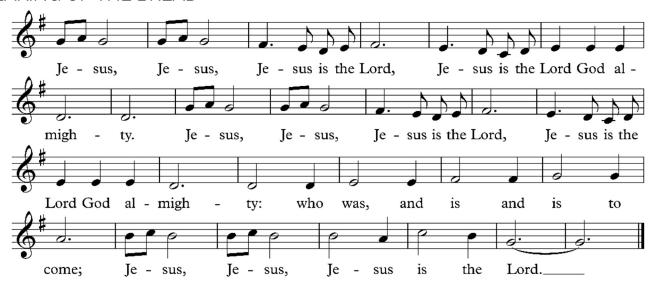
Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.





Music: Plainsong

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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 glutenfree wafer.



The choristers sing

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Psalm 25:1-8"

William Crotch (1775–1847)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

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.



Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Nun danket alle Gott, melody Johann Cruger (1598–1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1947)

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.

VOLUNTARY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for our weekly newsletter at SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews or texting SJCenews to 22828

THIS WEEK

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.

UPCOMING

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 four 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*.



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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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*.

"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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PRESIDER: PREACHER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin

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

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