



St James Cathedral

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"Parable of the Talents" by Willem de Poorter

Holy Eucharist

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 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 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

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah. (1:7, 12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Read in response by the reader and all.

PSALM 90:1-12

O God, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure;
 we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you
 and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone;
 we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty;
 yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
 for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
Who regards the power of your wrath;
 who rightly fears your indignation?
So teach us to number our days
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (25:14-30)

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Steven Balke
Canon for Pastoral Care & Outreach

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, the original statement that the Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father.” The phrase “and the Son” was added later without the wider Church’s consent, therefore this version does not include it.

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, 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.

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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.**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Sarah, Brenda, Ellen, Richard, Nancy, Ginger, Jane, Loya and Andronica, Hailey, Ibukun, Brian, Anne, Ted, Oriana, Anna, Laverne, Max, Raj, Charlotte, Karen, David, Carl & Kevin, Nike

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Bob Culver

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING: Keshawn, Derrick, Steven, Keshawn, Romaine, Tramon, Cordell, Alexis, Damien

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, and for clergy of our Diocese: Priests and Deacons, and their ministries in parishes, as well as our clergy in specialized ministries such as chaplaincies, teaching, and hospice care, and for our relationship with our companion Dioceses of Renk, Sudan, and SE Mexico

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.

“As we move forward with the Campaign for St. James Cathedral, we urge each and every one of our fellow parishioners to be as supportive as possible – with their time, their talents, and their treasure. St. James 150+ year history is something to both celebrate and hold dear. Now is the time for us to help our church stay strong for us, for our children, and the generations to come.”

– Dave and Kitty Beecken, Campaign Co-Chairs

2024 PLEDGE DRIVE The vibrant ministries of St. James Cathedral continue to grow and thrive. Pledged giving from members is the Cathedral’s principal source of support. Increased yearly gifts from you and other parishioners are the reason that our church has been able to expand the reach of all of our ministries: worship, faith formation, parish life, pastoral care, outreach, and social justice. As you reflect on your pledge for 2024, please consider the important work to which God has called you and your faith community. To make your pledge electronically, simply scan the QR code below.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK

THE FORUM: SEASON OF GRATITUDE This week, the Rev. Canon Steven Balke shares the outcomes and updates from the 186th Annual Diocesan Convention, including resolutions, budgetary information, and other items of business. As always, the Forum is a great place to discuss the work and outreach of not only St. James Cathedral but also the Diocese of Chicago.



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE will take place at 10 a.m. this Thursday, November 23 in celebration of Thanksgiving. The Rev. Canon Steven Balke will preside and preach.

NO MORNING PRAYER OR 12:10 EUCHARISTS next Thursday, November 23 or Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will also be no Compline or Adult Formation on Wednesday, November 22.

COMPLINE CONTINUES We offer the simple service of Compline in St. Andrew's Chapel at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. As part of St. James Adult Formation fellowship, dinner will be available in Kyle's Place prior to the service. If you would like to attend, please RSVP and email Communications@SaintJamesCathedral.org with any dietary restrictions.

WEDNESDAY ADULT FORMATION Our Wednesday night formation continues with a new series. Each evening will feature a short video about a different theological question (such as "Why do we go to church if God is everywhere?" and "What is the point in praying if God already knows our needs?") that will welcome us into a friendly and inclusive group discussion. Come join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and stay for Wednesday Night formation at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING

REVIVE CHRISTMAS BASKETS Are you looking for a way to get involved with a St. James ministry this holiday season? Each year, St. James Cathedral partners with the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing to support families in need from around Chicago. If you are interested in helping or want to learn more, please contact the Rev. Canon Steven Balke. The collection deadline is Tuesday, November 28.

ADVENT PROCESSION Join us Sunday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. for one of our most beloved liturgical traditions. As the Cathedral is brought from darkness into light, we recount the coming of the Savior through words and music of prophecy.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER & PREACHER:

The Rev. Canon Steven Balke

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	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
	7 p.m.	Compline (<i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i>)	Chapel

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