



# St James Cathedral

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*"Painting for my Dad" by Noah Davis*

Holy Eucharist  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025 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 pews 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 an usher 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 \$11. 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*        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

*Presider*        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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Genesis. (15:1-6)

After these things 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, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

All                **Thanks be to God.**

*Read in response by the reader and all.*

PSALM 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

**happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

The Lord looks down from heaven,  
**and beholds all the people in the world.**

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
**on all who dwell on the earth.**

He fashions all the hearts of them  
**and understands all their works.**

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
**a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
**on those who wait upon his love,**

To pluck their lives from death,  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord;  
**he is our help and our shield.**

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
**for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
**as we have put our trust in you.**

*Please stand.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Gospeller*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (12:32-40)

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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 "he" pronouns for the Holy Spirit were not in the Creed as originally written, therefore this version also does not include them.

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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*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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](https://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; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.**

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 chalice minister 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

<i>Presider</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>All</i>	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: Ginger, Jane, John, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Nancy, Lois, Bob, Mary, Scott, Hazel, Hollis, Sara Jane, Yvonne, Sandra, Lee, Tom, Kaye, Patrick, Amy, Joyce, Kevin, Walco, Sean, David, Eoin, Mary Ann, Drew, Thomas, Tyria

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

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Altmann, Inshall, Jimvonta, Edgar, Dexter, Kevin

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Congregations in the Waukegan Deanery: St. Ignatius of Antioch in Antioch; St. Mary in Crystal Lake; St. Gregory in Deerfield; St. Andrew in Grayslake; Annunciation of Our Lady in Gurnee; Companion Dioceses in SE Mexico and Renk



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THIS WEEK

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WELCOME, NICO! Today we welcome new Assistant Director of Music Nico Tjoelker to the St. James staff. Nico will assist Canon Director of Music Stephen Buzard in running our multifaceted, intergenerational music program. Nico is a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts in organ at the University of Notre Dame, studying with Professor Kola Owolabi. Previously, he earned a Master of Music in organ from Yale University where he was Director of Music at Berkeley Divinity School and served as Organ Scholar at Trinity Episcopal Church on the Green, where he assisted Walden Moore in directing the adult and children's choirs.



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

RUSH HOUR CONCERT AUGUST 12, 5:45 P.M. This Tuesday's Rush Hour Concert features the Kaia String Quartet. Make summer nights classic with free concerts right here at St. James featuring Chicago's best classical musicians and ensembles. The best ensembles in the city perform programs designed to enliven commuters and make the most of summer – Tuesdays through August 19, 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.

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### UPCOMING

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#### SAVE THE DATES FOR FALL KICKOFF ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

- **Sunday, August 24 – Sunday School 'Soft Opening'** with activities for children of all ages following the 9 a.m. service.
- **Monday, September 1 – Labor Day** - No 12:10 Eucharist, Cathedral offices closed
- **Tuesday, September 2 – Weekday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer via Zoom** resumes
- **Wednesday, September 3 – Wednesday evening activities resume** with 5:45 p.m. Evensong led by the Choristers, 6 p.m. community dinner in the Great Hall, and adult formation at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 7 – Choristers** resume singing at the 9 a.m. service and the full Cathedral Choir at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Sunday, September 7 – Welcome Back Sundaes Sunday.** All teachers, parents, youth, and children, meet in Kyle's Place at 10:00 am for ice cream Sundaes, enroll in Sunday School and Youth Group, and learn about the brand new curricula for the school year. There are classes in Christian formation and education for all ages 0 through 17.

ST. JAMES MEALS MINISTRIES are always looking for volunteers. We gather on the second floor each Sunday to prepare bagged meals for distribution, and twice per month we serve a home-cooked meal to roughly 100 guests. Sign up to volunteer at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/meals..](https://SaintJamesCathedral.org/meals..)

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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PREACHER & PRESIDER: 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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