



St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Forged in Fire: From Age to Age



"The Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple" by James Tissot

Holy Eucharist
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025 at 9 a.m.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, November 30
4 p.m.

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

A musical service of stillness and transcendence
as we prepare for Christ to come into the world



Choral Evensong for the Season of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 4 P.M.

Transcendent choral music from the English Tudor period, sung by the Cathedral Choir. A festive reception follows.



Sunday, December 14, 4 p.m.

CAROLS & COCOA



Sing your favorite Christmas carols with festive refreshments
led by organists Stephen Buzard and Nico Tjoelker

ALL ARE WELCOME! Free Admission.

Proceeds to benefit the Cathedral Organ Project



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 pew racks 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 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

VOLUNTARY

Please stand

INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 371

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - ri - ous ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.)

Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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 one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The presider pronounces God's forgiveness, saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Descant: Cathedral Choristers, Choir Camp 2025



1. Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; of heav'n - ly
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, you bore for
3. A-lone, O Christ, you on - ly are the Lord, at God's right

joy and earth-ly peace we sing. We wor-ship you, to you our
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, your glor - ious
hand in ma - jes - ty most high, who with the Spi - rit wor-shipped

hearts we raise. Lord God, al - might - y Fa-ther, heav'n - ly King.
vic - t'ry won, re - ceive our prayer, grant us your peace with - in.
and a - dored: with all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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.

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians (3:6-13)

Brothers and sisters, we command you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to stay away from every brother or sister who lives an undisciplined life that is not in line with the traditions that you received from us. You yourselves know how you need to imitate us because we were not undisciplined when we were with you. We didn't eat anyone's food without paying for it. Instead, we worked night and day with effort and hard work so that we would not impose on you. We did this to give you an example to imitate, not because we didn't have a right to insist on financial support. Even when we were with you we were giving you this command: "If anyone doesn't want to work, they shouldn't eat." We hear that some of you are living an undisciplined life. They aren't working, but they are meddling in other people's business. By the Lord Jesus Christ, we command and encourage such people to work quietly and put their own food on the table. Brothers and sisters, don't get discouraged in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

As the Deacon 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

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (21:5-8)

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

Some people were talking about the Temple and how it was decorated with beautiful stones and gifts offered to God. But Jesus said, "As for these things you are looking at, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another. Every stone will be thrown down." They asked Jesus, "Teacher, when will these things happen? What will be the sign that they are about to take place?" Jesus said, "Be careful so you are not fooled. Many people will come in my name, saying, 'I am the One' and, 'The time has come!' But don't follow them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

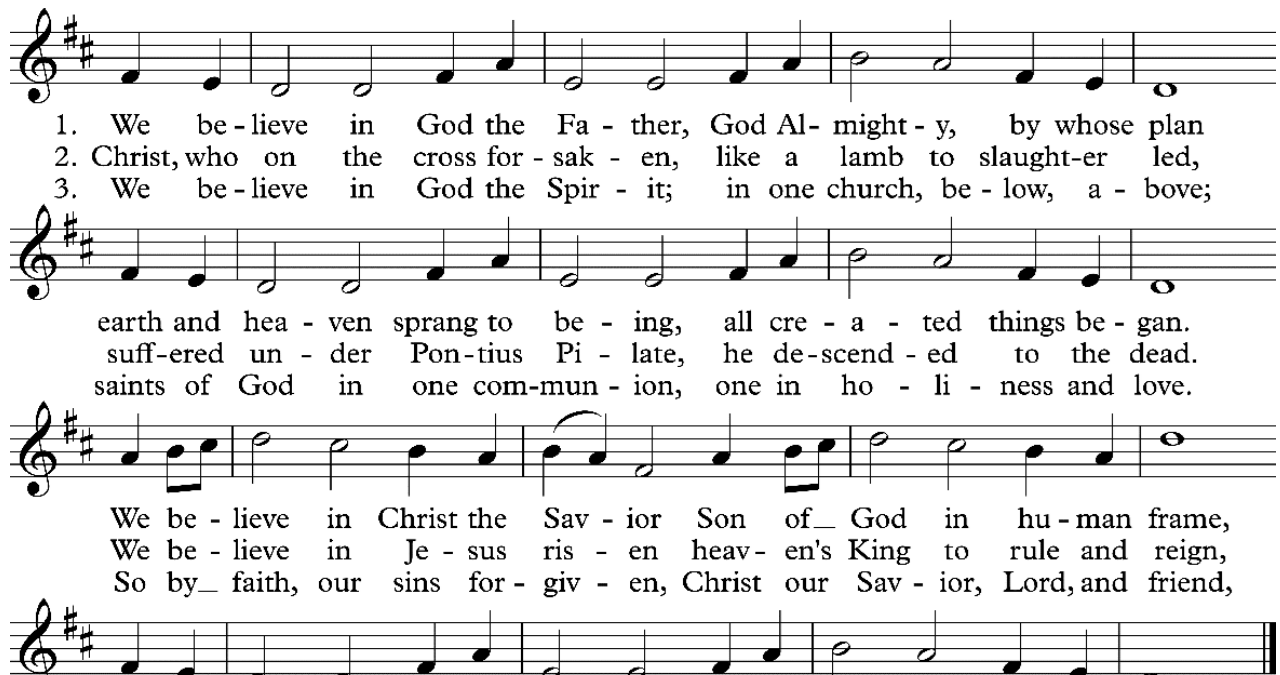
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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SERMON

The Rev. Canon Chrisopher Griffin
Canon for Community Partnerships

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God Al - might - y, by whose plan
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sak - en, like a lamb to slaught - er led,
3. We be - lieve in God the Spir - it; in one church, be - low, a - bove;
earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - a - ted things be - gan.
suff - ered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ris - en heav - en's King to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord, and friend,
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spir - it came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024); 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. Contributions are welcome online at SaintJamesCathedral.org/give, by texting "SJC" to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.

Please stand.

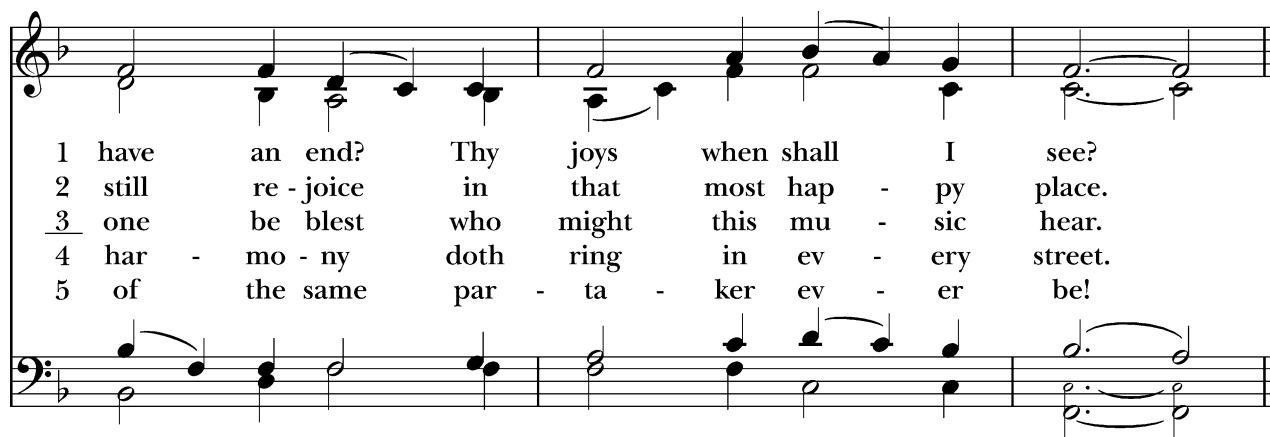
OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 620

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

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re-joice in that most hap-py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu-sic hear.
 4 har-mo-ny doth ring in ev-ery street.
 5 of the same par-ta-ker ev-er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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.**

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the Lord God al -
 migh - ty. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the
 Lord God al - migh - ty: who was, and is and is to
 come; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

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."

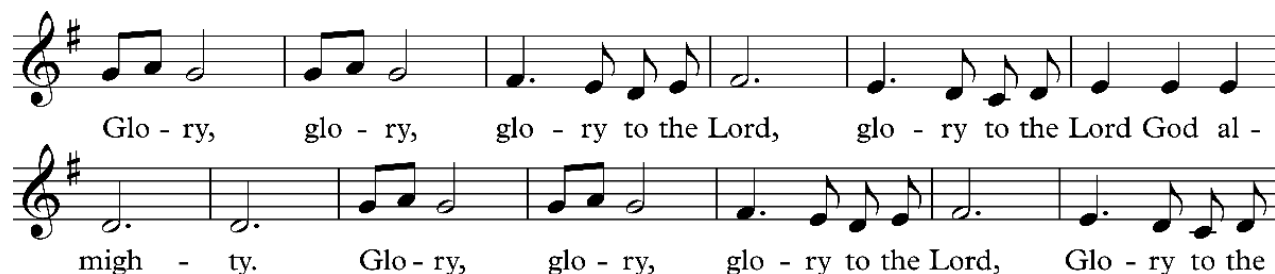
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

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 Why do we follow Jesus Christ?
All **Because he is God's saving Love in action.**

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.



Lord God al - migh - ty: A - men, A - men, A - men, A -
men; glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

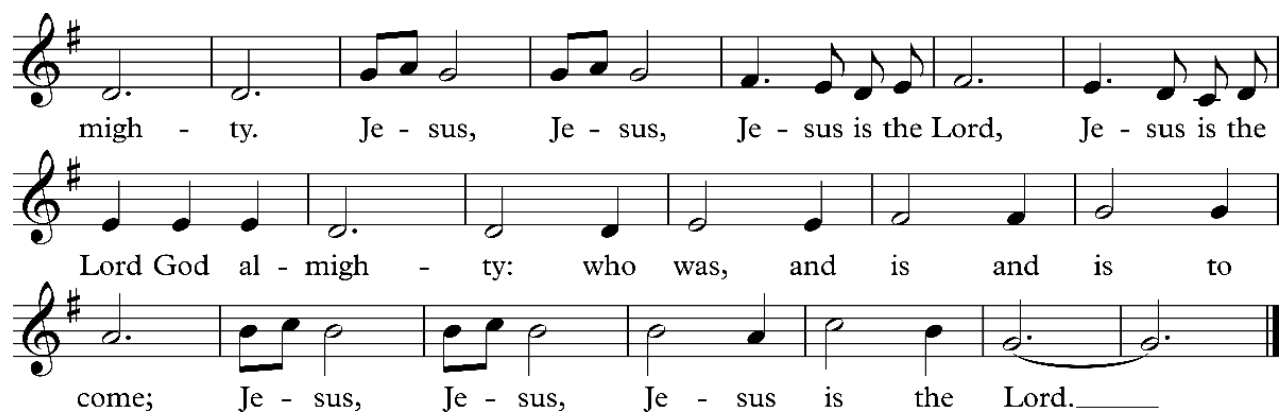
Hymnal S119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus is the Lord, Je - sus is the Lord God al -



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, cross your arms over your chest. Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A Song of Peace

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

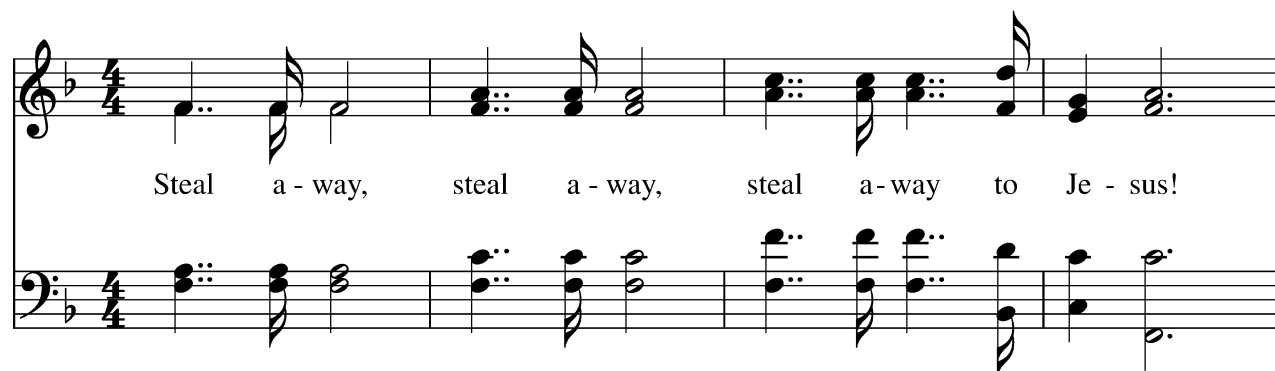
There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: And with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign unto the people; and his rest shall be glorious.

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.



Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!



Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

Fine



1. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;
 2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
 3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
 4. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,



The trum - pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

D.C.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Edward C. Deas

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Ginger, Jane, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Lois, Mary, Yvonne, Lee, John, Rachael, Bill, Felicia, Nat, Steve, Jonah, Katie

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: Vanessa, Dennis, Luis, Faustino, Anthony

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; For our annual Diocesan Convention Clergy and lay delegates attending our Diocesan Convention

Season of Faith

2026 PLEDGE DRIVE • OCT 19 – NOV 23

2026 SEASON OF FAITH ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE (OCT. 19-NOV.23)

All members should have received by mail a packet of information and card to respond with your pledge. Pledge cards and more information are available in the Narthex, reception desk, the Chapel, and in all eNews. Feel free to use the QR code to the right to make your pledge.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for our weekly newsletter at SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews.

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. JAMES **Sundays at 10 a.m. in Kyle's Place:**

TODAY: One week away from Ingathering Sunday, this Forum is your chance to ask any questions you've always had about pledging at St. James, how donations are used for ministry, different ways to give and more! **Next Sunday:** Christ is Alive! An Art Study of Jesus Enthroned. **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1:** All are welcome to join in after Wednesday night 5:45 p.m. evensong and dinner for a study on the classic theologians who served as the building blocks for the church we have today, including Gregory of Nyssa, Julian of Norwich, William Temple, and more.



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

REVIVE CHRISTMAS BASKETS It's time to get into the Christmas spirit for families in need! In collaboration with the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing, St. James members sign-up to shop for people who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas. **All gifts must be dropped off at St. James by Monday, December 1.** Sign-up at SaintJamesCathedral.org/ReVive or use the QR Code to the right. If you are interested in helping or want to know more, please contact Nicole Spencer at nabs92@gmail.com.



SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES

- **LGBTQ+ Affinity Group:** All are invited to the SJC LGBTQ+ Affinity Group Social on **Sunday, November 23 at 1:30 p.m.** in Kyle's Place for pizza, event announcements, and community!
- **60's & 70's Group:** Meets on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Kyle's Place. More information at SaintJamesCathedral.org/67
- **New Bible Reading Group Forming:** Are you longing for a deeper way to engage scripture or read our sacred texts in community with others? A new bible reading group is forming at St. James. Visit SaintJamesCathedral.org/bible for more information and to express your interest.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PREACHER: The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin PRESIDER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke
DEACON: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

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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