

St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Forged in Fire: From Age to Age



"Baptism in the Wabash" by Tella Kitchen

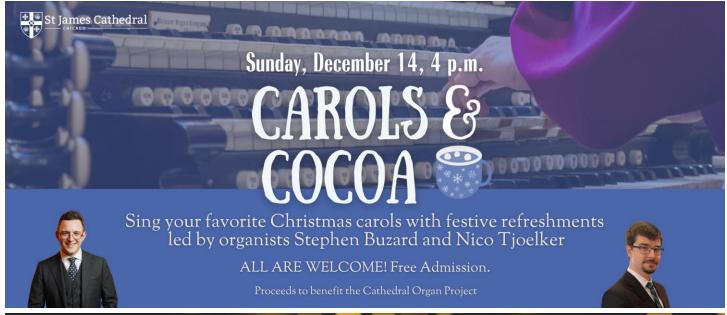
Holy Eucharist Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025 at 9 a.m.



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.





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,

Tisa Hackney-James

Dean of the Cathedral



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

Gathering

VOLUNTARY



Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.

Music: Ascension, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

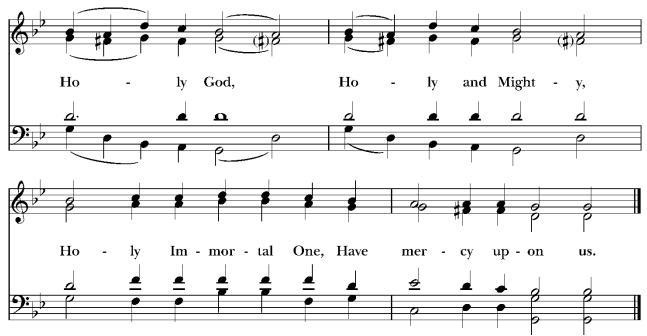
Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

All Glory to God for ever and ever.

The presider welcomes the people to the service.

TRISAGION Hymnal S102

Prayer Leader Turn to us again, O God our Savior, and let your anger cease from us:



Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924)

Prayer Leader Show us your compassion, Lord, and grant us your salvation:

All (Repeat Trisagion refrain above.)

Prayer Leader Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land:

All (Repeat Trisagion refrain above.)

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah. (11:1-10)

Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king. The Spirit of the Lord will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the Lord. His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord.

This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors. The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness and with justice. His word will be law everywhere in the land, and criminals will be put to death. Honesty and fairness will be his royal robes.

Leopards will lie down with young goats, and wolves will rest with lambs. Calves and lions will eat together and be cared for by little children. Cows and bears will share the same pasture; their young will rest side by side. Lions and oxen will both eat straw.

Little children will play near snake holes. They will stick their hands into dens of poisonous snakes and never be hurt.

Nothing harmful will take place on the Lord's holy mountain. Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled with people who know and honor the Lord.

The time is coming when one of David's descendants will be the signal for the people of all nations to come together. They will follow his advice, and his own nation will become famous.

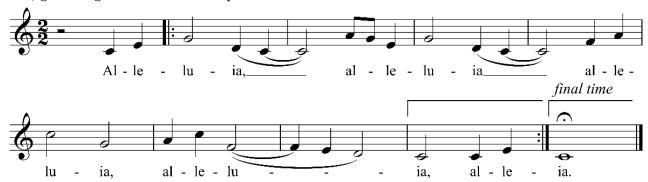
The Word of the Lord.

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: Repeating alleluia, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (3:1–12)

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the Baptist began preaching in the desert area of Judea. John said, "Change your hearts and lives because the kingdom of heaven is near." John the Baptist is the one Isaiah the prophet was talking about when he said, "This is a voice of one who calls out in the desert: 'Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the road straight for him.'"

John's clothes were made from camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food, he ate locusts and wild honey. Many people came from Jerusalem and Judea and all the area around the Jordan River to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

"I baptize you with water to show that your hearts and lives have changed. But there is one coming after me who is greater than I am, whose sandals I am not good enough to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He will come ready to clean the grain, separating the good grain from the chaff. He will put the good part of the grain into his barn, but he will burn the chaff with a fire that cannot be put out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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SERMON

The Rev. Rick Incorvati

Deacon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

Music: Greensleeves, English Melody

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A family from the 9 a.m. congregation lights the first candle of the Advent Wreath as a passage of Scripture is read.

Go up on a high mountain, messenger Zion!

Raise your voice and shout, messenger Jerusalem!

Raise it; don't be afraid; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

Here is the Lord God, coming with strength,

with a triumphant arm, bringing his reward with him and his payment before him.

Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock;

he will gather lambs in his arms and lift them onto his lap.

He will gently guide the nursing ewes.

-Isaiah 40:9-11

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The presider says

God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in this season of preparation we light this second candle, remembering your call to clear away everything that keeps us from you. Help us to prepare in our hearts, minds, and bodies to participate in the fullness of your presence. **Amen.**



Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

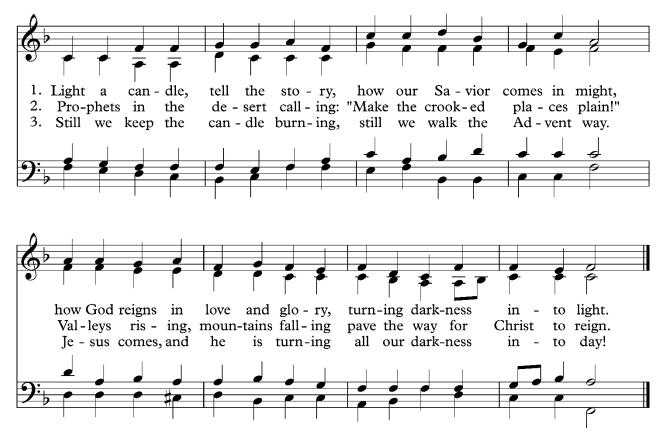


Your offering supports the ongoing mission of St. James Cathedral, including the St. James Meals, Meals Among Us, and Summer in the City. <u>Contributions are welcome online</u> at SaintJamesCathedral.org/give, by texting "SJC" to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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: adapt. Stephen Buzard (b. 1989)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

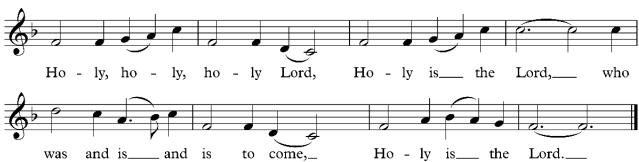
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:



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.

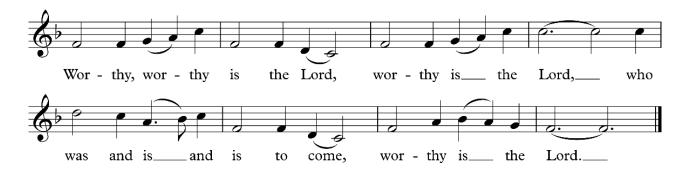
Reader Why do we share this bread and wine?

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."

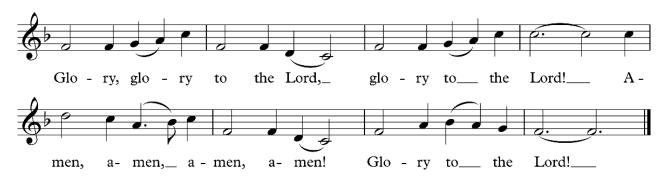
So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

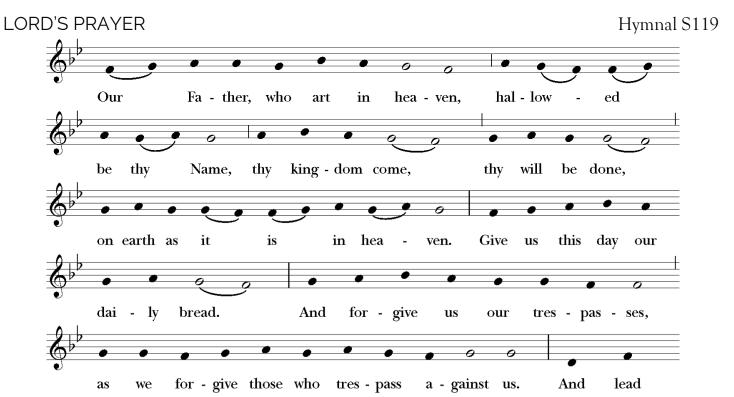


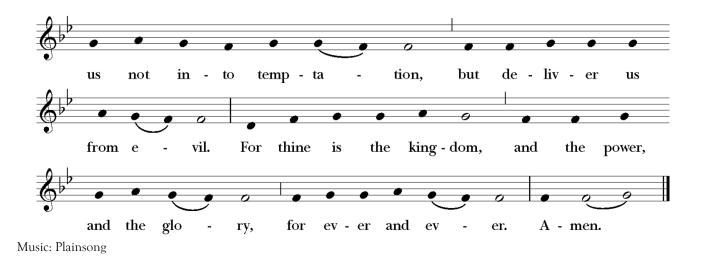
Reader Why do we follow Jesus Christ?

All Because he is God's saving Love in action.

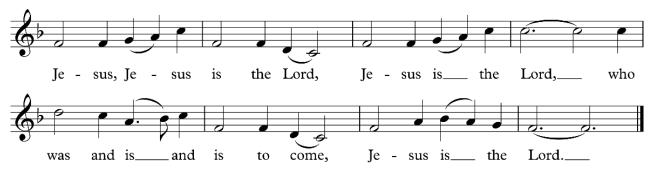
Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.







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

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: Johann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514–1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

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, saying

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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, Cynthia, Patricia, Charlotte and Richard, Joan, Lizzy and Ben, Chris, Marianne FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Brian Hall, John Netherby

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Aaliyah, D'Angelo, Mario, Carolyn, Paul, Oliver, Howard

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Episcopal Charities, ReVive Center for Housing and Healing, Lawrence Hall, Montgomery Place, Primo Center for Women & Children

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL Spend your Christmas at the Cathedral! See the graphic at the end of this bulletin or visit *www.SaintJamesCathedral.org/Christmas* for all the Cathedral has to offer this Christmas season.



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

TODAY: St. James Cathedral member and attorney Richard Hoskins shares

THIS WEEK'S ENEWS insights on the balance of Christian duty and civic duty as we take action to care for people in need in the community. **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.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO PLEDGE FOR 2026 Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to support St. James financially in 2026. We're almost at our goal and we can exceed it with your help. If you haven't yet made your pledge, there's still time to join in. Make your pledge online at SaintJamesCathedral.org/pledge. Thank you for supporting our shared ministry.

CAROLS & COCOA NEXT SUNDAY AT 4 P.M. Cathedral musicians Stephen Buzard and Nico Tjoelker lead a fun, informal Christmas carol sing to ring in the holiday season. Carolers of all ages and abilities are welcome! If you have a favorite Christmas carol you would like to sing, please request it by TODAY by scanning the QR code to the right. We cannot guarantee that every carol requested will be sung, but we will do our best to include as many requests as possible.



DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS We welcome donations for the flowers that will adorn the Cathedral for our Christmas celebrations. Donate online at

SaintJamesCathedral.org/ChristmasFlowers or by using one of the special envelopes in the narthex. If would like to have your gift in honor or memory of a loved one, add their names on the envelope or fill out the form at SaintJamesCathedral.org/ChristmasFlowers. Contributions must be received by Monday, December 15 to be included in Christmas bulletins.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE TASKFORCE Our partners at St. Martin's have asked us to participate in a winter wear clothing drive for the youth at the TaskForce. The TaskForce (who serves vulnerable LGBT youth) maintains a "clothes closet" for the community throughout the year but they have shared that winter hits them the hardest. Thus, we are asking for donations of gently used (or new) coats, jackets, sweaters, pants, gloves, shoes, scarves, or any items you may find useful. All sizes are appreciated. Items may be brought to St. James and put in the box in the Welcome Center.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES

- 60's and 70's Group Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Kyle's Place: Visit SaintJamesCathedral.org/67 for more information.
- Scripture Reflection Group Mondays at 6 p.m. in Room 212: Contact Jacob Perkins (admin@saintjamescathedral.org) for more information.

mark your calendars and join us in celebrating 150 years since the rededication of St James rebuilt from the ruins of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871

NOW thru DECEMBER

A Sweep of History — on view in Kyle's Place

meander through time and discover the threads that bind St James with the very founding and fabric of modern-day Chicago in this spatial installation by the St James Arts Council

01 / 18 SUNDAY 2pm

The Organ Music of Leo Sowerby

Canon Director of Music Stephen Buzard offers a recital of organ music by his most esteemed predecessor, Leo Sowerby, who served at St James from 1927 through 1962, with a talk by Dr Joseph Sargent, Associate Professor of Musicology, University of Alabama, and author of *Leo Sowerby* (2024)

02 / 15 SUNDAY 4pm

Joy Rogers: Dean Emerita

a special diocesan Evensong celebrating the designation of the Very Rev Joy Rogers, Dean of the Cathedral (2006–14), as Dean Emerita

03 / 27 FRIDAY 7:30pm

Leo Sowerby: Forsaken of Man

the Cathedral Choir sings Forsaken of Man — a poignant oratorio based on St Matthew's Passion and noted for its profound expressive depth and intricate choral writing, composed in 1939 by Leo Sowerby, St James Organist & Choirmaster (1927–62)

04 / 17 FRIDAY

Cathedral Gala at the Driehaus Museum

celebrating 150 years and benefiting St James's outreach and service ministries

07 / 25 SATURDAY

Camino en Chicago

for centuries, people have made physical pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance — on the feast day of Saint James the Apostle, we undertake a Camino de Santiago en Chicago, following a route between church, civic, and cultural institutions around the city that trace their founding to St James Cathedral, Chicago

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FORMORE DETAILS & THE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS







CATHEDRAL

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m.

FAMILY EUCHARIST & CHILDREN'S PAGEANT Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

EVENSONG FOR CHRISTMAS Sunday, Jan. 4 at 4 p.m.





	LITUR	GICAL MINISTERS	
PREACHER & DEACON:		PRESIDER:	
The Rev. Rick Incorvati		The Rev. Canon Steven Balke	
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-June)	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer (see enews, or website)	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong (Wednesdays, Sept-June)	Cathedral
	CLE	ERGY & STAFF	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James, Dean
The Rev. Canon Steven Balke, Canon Vicar
The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin, Community Partnerships
The Rev. Rick Incorvati, Deacon
The Rev. A. Frank Donaghue, Priest Associate
Canon Stephen Buzard, Director of Music
Canon Robert Black, Finance & Administration
Beau Surratt, Associate for Administration
Nico Tjoelker, Assistant Director of Music
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