



# 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 11 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.



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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



## THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21  
4 P.M.



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# 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 at St. James. We also offer nursery care with a changing station for parents of our youngest members. There is an open space to the front right of the pews for children to play under your supervision.

## 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 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 \$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

Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

*All sing, standing*

INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*All* **You come to your people and set them free.**

*The presider welcomes the people to the service.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* 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.*

*The choir sings*

KYRIE from *Communion Service in F*

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

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

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Tone I.2

*After the choir sings the refrain, repeat and sing when indicated.*



In his\_\_\_ time jus - tice and peace shall flour - ish.

Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice; ***Refrain***

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. ***Refrain***

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth. ***Refrain***

In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!  
and may all the earth be filled with glory.

Amen. Amen. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. (15:4-13)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”;  
 and again he says,  
 “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;  
 and again,  
 “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles and let all the peoples praise him”;  
 and again Isaiah says,  
 “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall  
 hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

# GRADUAL HYMN

Hymnal 70



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and  
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is  
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -  
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness  
 here; make a path - way through the des - ert  
 given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,  
 life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.  
 for the one who brings God near.  
 and to them new life is given. Sound the trum - pet!  
 grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

Words: Moir A. J. Waters (1906–1980), alt.  
 Music: *Herald, Sound*, Robert Powell (1932–2025)



## HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Rick Incorvati

*Deacon*

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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 prayer, the response is*

Reader        Lord, in your mercy,  
All             **Hear our prayer.**

*The presider concludes, praying*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and 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, by texting “SJC” to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seeds imparted from Jesse's holy race:  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

-William Bartholomew (1793–1867)



Please stand.

# OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
2 O\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
feed his\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our\_\_\_\_ God\_\_\_\_ may go!  
na - tions shall\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
lead them, and\_\_\_\_ bring them\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

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

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

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider*                      *All*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider*                      *All*

Lift up your hearts. 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. 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:

*The choir sings*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS from *Communion Service in F*

## Sumsion

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

Hymnal S-119

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)



## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The choir sings*

AGNUS DEI from *Communion Service in F*

Sumsion

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*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.*

*Please come forward to the communion rail to receive the bread.*

*Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*All are invited to receive the chalice at the standing station at the side aisle as you return to your seat.*

*Please let the chalice minister know if you would prefer to receive alcohol-free wine.*

## 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.

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 67

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er  
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,  
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry  
ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;  
tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken  
and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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.

## ADVENT 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      Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661      J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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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, 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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Sign up for our weekly newsletter at [SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews](http://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](http://www.SaintJamesCathedral.org/Christmas) for all the Cathedral has to offer this Christmas season.



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. JAMES **Sundays at 10 a.m. in Kyle's Place:** **TODAY:** St. James Cathedral member and attorney Richard Hoskins shares 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](http://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](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/ChristmasFlowers)** or by using one of the special envelopes in the narthex. If you 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](http://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](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/67)** for more information.
- **Scripture Reflection Group Mondays at 6 p.m. in Room 212:** Contact Jacob Perkins ([admin@saintjamescathedral.org](mailto:admin@saintjamescathedral.org)) for more information.
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## CHRISTMAS

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## CATHEDRAL



**Sunday, December 21 at 4 p.m.**

### NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Patterned after the famous carol service from King's College in Cambridge, this service recounts the story of Christ's Nativity in scripture and music led by the Cathedral Choir and Choristers.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.**

### PAGEANT & HOLY EUCHARIST

Children from the St. James community and neighborhood present the Christmas story during this family-friendly service.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.**

### LESSONS & CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We recount the story of the Nativity through scripture, choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir and Choristers, and beloved Christmas Carols sung by the entire congregation.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 10 p.m.**

### SOLEMN EUCHARIST

Our principal celebration of Christmas with festive Christmas music led by the Cathedral Choir. The organ prelude begins at 9:30 p.m. Incense is used at this service.

**Thursday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

A smaller, quieter celebration of the Nativity with music led by members of the Cathedral Choir.



**St James Cathedral**  
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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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PREACHER & DEACON:

The Rev. Rick Incorvati

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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