



St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Forged in Fire: From Age to Age



"Sermon on the Mount" by Laura James

Holy Eucharist
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026 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

The people stand as the clergy enter the chapel.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Micah. (6:1-8)

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Read in response by the reader and all.

PSALM 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected,

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong

and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain,

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things

shall never be overthrown.

The people stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (5:1-12)

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Steven Balke

Canon Vicar

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.

The people 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, 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, 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

When the hour had come, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. And grant that we may find our inheritance with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever 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

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Ginger, Jane, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Lois, Mary, Yvonne, Lee, John, Rachael, Jonah, Katie, Cynthia, Patricia, Joan, Kay, Kevin, Walco, Jim, Mike, Arthur, Tyria, Katrina, Denise, Stacy

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: Kelly, Lester, Troy, Oliver, Robert, Kimberly

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Congregations in the Chicago-North Deanery: All Saints in Chicago; Ascension in Chicago; Atonement in Chicago; Cristo Rey in Chicago Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: La Divina Providencia in El Camalotal; St. Andrew in Wadakona

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: Did you come away from Annual Meeting with burning questions?

Did you miss the meeting and want to be filled in? Come to the Forum to provide any feedback, ask questions, and talk about next steps at St. James.

Next Sunday: North side resident, St. James member, and faithful

Episcopalian, Darryl Grant has a long and abiding interest in the intersection of culture and history. Join us at the Forum for a presentation of African

Americans in the US, including famous Black Episcopalians. **Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Evensong, followed by dinner and then adult formation at 6:30 p.m.:** Alterations, Omissions, and

Additions to the Bible - Holy Scripture is not a static document. Over the years verses have been added, verses have been removed, and great thought has gone into any changes that are made.

What can we learn about our relationship to God through studying those parts of the Bible that have been added, removed, or changed?



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

EVENSONG SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 4:00 P.M. CELEBRATING THE VERY REV. JOY E. ROGERS'S DESIGNATION AS DEAN EMERITA Joy served from 2006-2014 as the first woman dean of the cathedral, and in the decade since her retirement from St. James has continued the advocacy and justice work that was a hallmark of her leadership here. Cathedral choirs will be joined by guest singers from around the region and a festive reception will follow.

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION PREPARATION IN LENT Are you interested in being Baptized, Confirmed, or Received at St. James? If you would like to join this time of preparation in Lent or would like more information, please **contact the Rev. Canon Steven Balke at sbalke@saintjamescathedral.org**.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES

- **Book Group Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210:** The book for February's meeting is "My Name Is Asher Lev" by Chaim Potok. **Contact: Marcy Backhus** (bookgroup@saintjamescathedral.org)
- **Young Adults Second Sunday Supper February 8 at 2 p.m. in Kyle's Place:** Preceded by "Being With" formation opportunity at 12:30 p.m. RSVP and dietary restrictions to admin@saintjamescathedral.org.
- **First Sundays Book Group, Sunday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in Room 212:** What does it mean to live a good life, especially in painful times? How do we persevere through suffering, not in denial or despair, but grounded in abiding hope? What does it look like to love not only our neighbors but even our enemies? Many thoughtful Christians have wrestled with these perennial questions and offered reflections to help us do the same. Join us on the first Sunday of each month for a discussion inspired by one of their works. Our first book will be When the World Breaks by Jason Adam Miller. PS - feel free to bring your lunch. **Contact: Kim Moreland** (1stSundays@SaintJamesCathedral.org)
- **Scripture Reading Group Mondays at 6 p.m. in Room 212:** You are welcome to attend weekly, drop in from time to time, or anywhere in between. Each week we read together the scripture passages from the previous Sunday, to continue the communal conversation and reflection on the texts. No training or prior experience needed - every background is welcome and enriches the dialogue. **Contact: Jacob Perkins** (admin@saintjamescathedral.org)



Ash Wednesday Feb. 18

8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. - Simple Communion & Imposition of Ashes
6:30 p.m. - Choral Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PREACHER & 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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