



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 9 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 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

The people stand and sing

INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 542

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1892-1955), alt.

Music: St. Joan, Percy E. B. Collier (1895-1955)

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 Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.

Lord, have mercy.

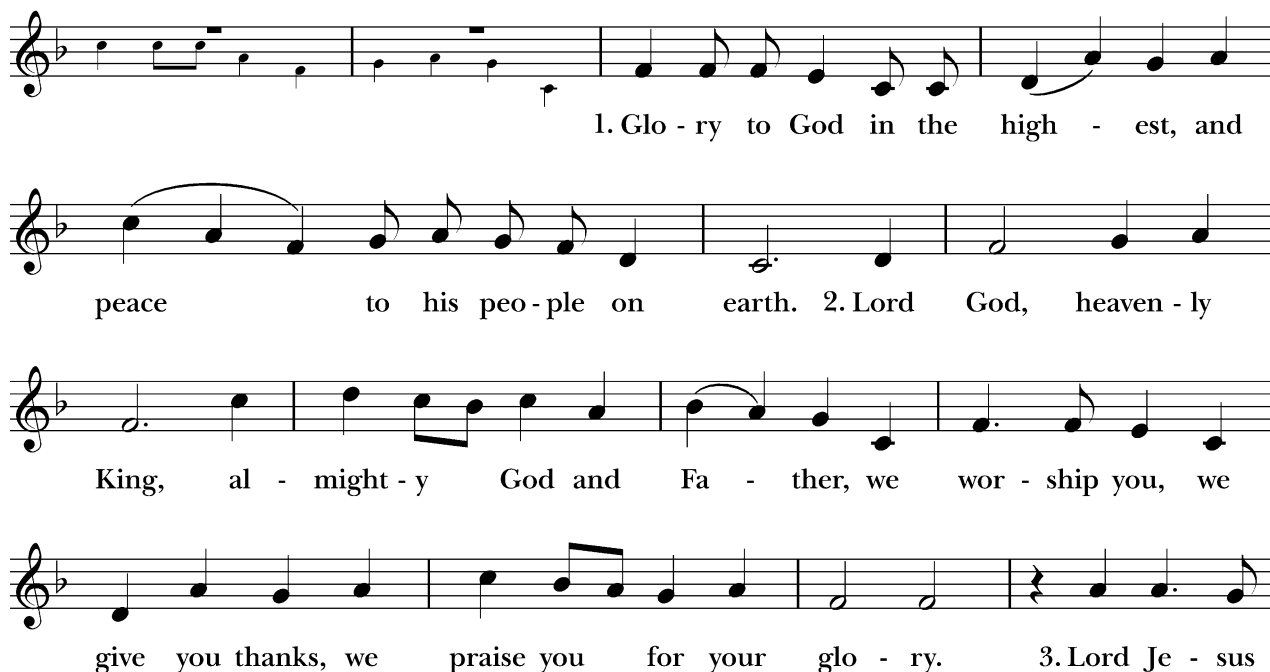
All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), rev.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
All And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation:
 send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

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 on a hill and sat down. His followers came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“They are blessed who realize their spiritual poverty,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

They are blessed who grieve,
for God will comfort them.

They are blessed who are humble,
for the whole earth will be theirs.

They are blessed who hunger and thirst after justice,
for they will be satisfied.

They are blessed who show mercy to others,
for God will show mercy to them.

They are blessed whose thoughts are pure,
for they will see God.

They are blessed who work for peace,
for they will be called God’s children.

They are blessed who are persecuted for doing good,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“People will insult you and hurt you. They will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do, you will be blessed. Rejoice and be glad, because you have a great reward waiting for you in heaven. People did the same evil things to the prophets who lived before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

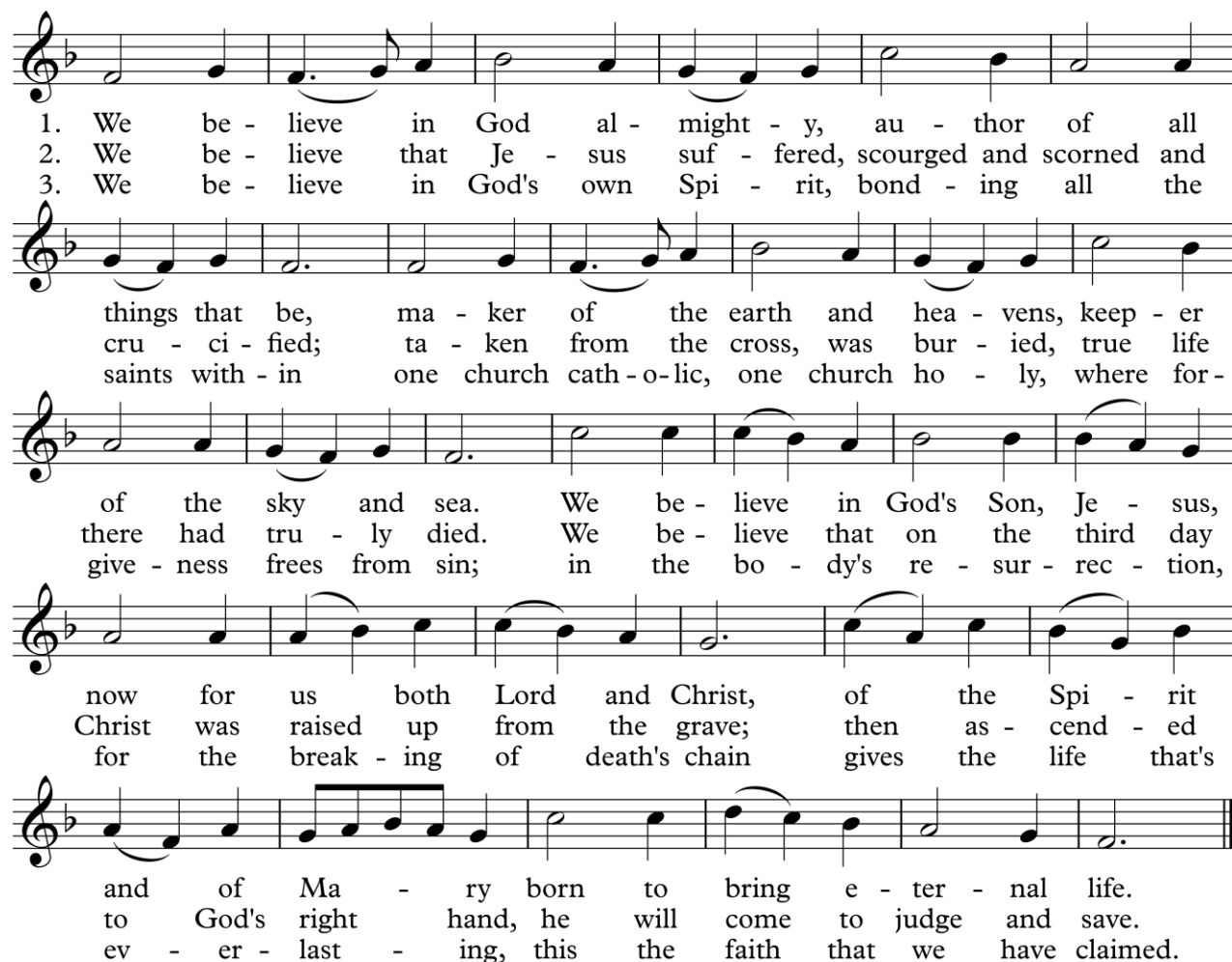
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SERMON

The Rev. Canon Steven Balke
Canon Vicar

The people stand and sing

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, au - thor of all
2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
3. We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bond - ing all the

things that be, ma - ker of the earth and hea - vens, keep - er
cru - ci - fied; ta - ken from the cross, was bur - ied, true life
saints with - in one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for -

of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus,
there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the third day
give - ness frees from sin; in the bo - dy's re - sur - rec - tion,

now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spi - rit
Christ was raised up from the grave; then as - cend - ed
for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

and of Ma - ry born to bring e - ter - nal life.
to God's right hand, he will come to judge and save.
ev - er - last - ing, this the faith that we have claimed.

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

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Welsh 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.

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.

The people stand and sing.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 438

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 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024), based on *The Song of Mary*

Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877–1949), 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

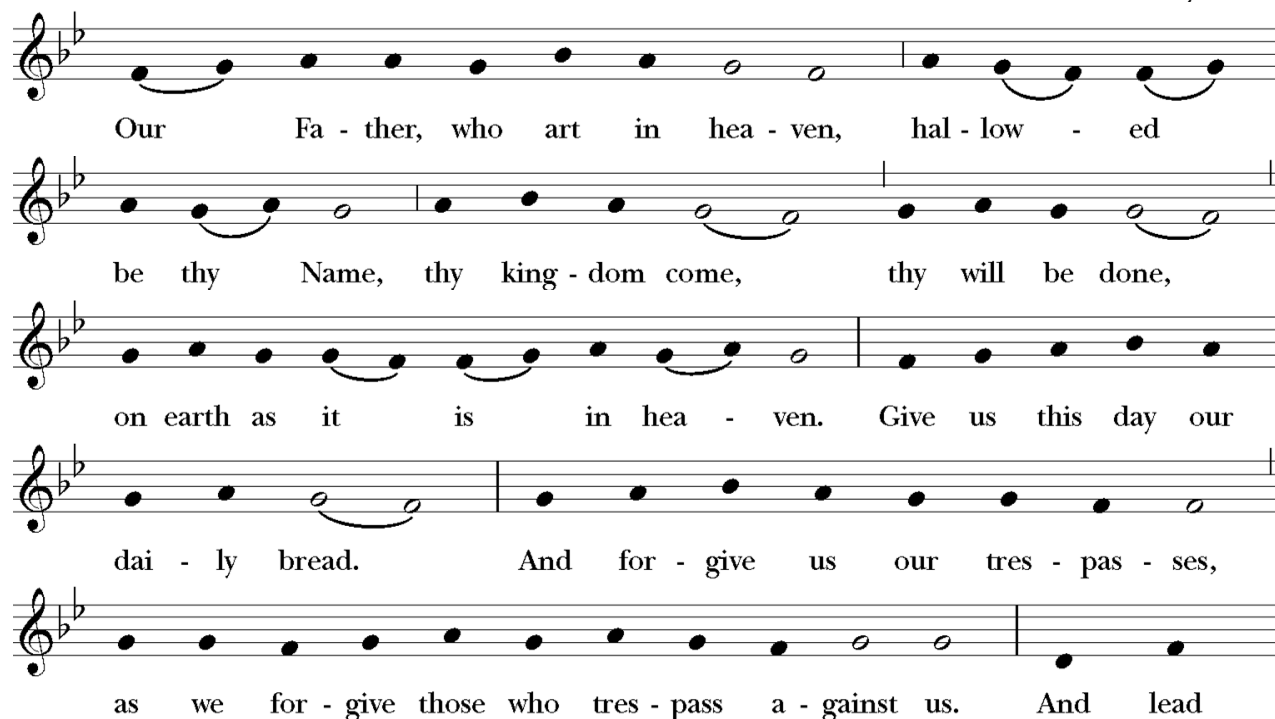
Because he is God's saving Love in action.

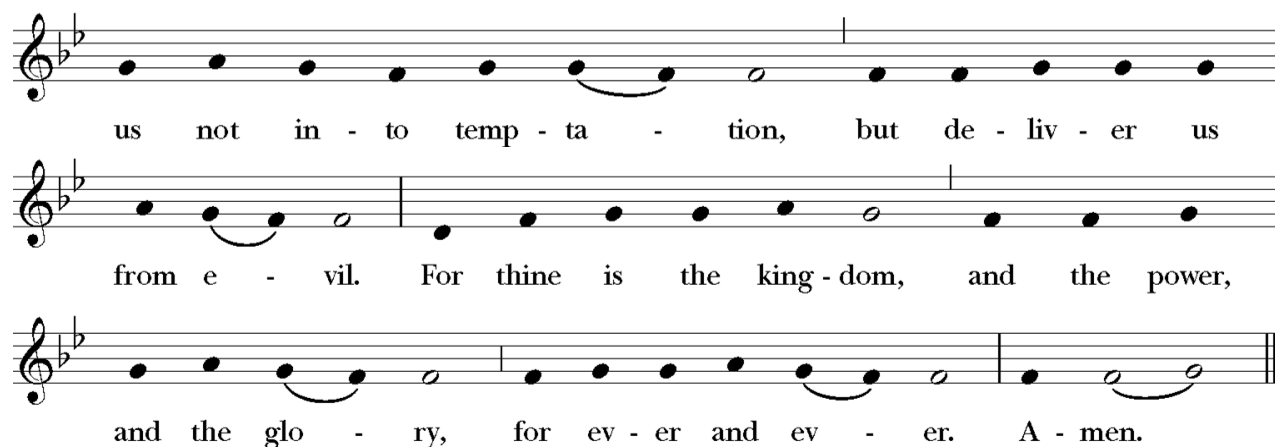
Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal S119





Music: Plainsong

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

The people stand and 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 554



'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
 and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
 be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.

Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822)

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.**

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, 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

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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18 Join us for Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. (with music) or 6:30 p.m. (with the Cathedral Choir).

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

- **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? 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)
- **Book Group Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210:** Contact: Marcy Backhus (bookgroup@saintjamescathedral.org)
- **Young Adults Second Sunday Supper February 8 at 2 p.m. in Kyle's Place:** RSVP and dietary restrictions to admin@saintjamescathedral.org.
- **Scripture Reading Group Mondays at 6 p.m. in Room 212:** Contact: Jacob Perkins (admin@saintjamescathedral.org)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PREACHER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke
DEACON: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

PRESIDER: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James

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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