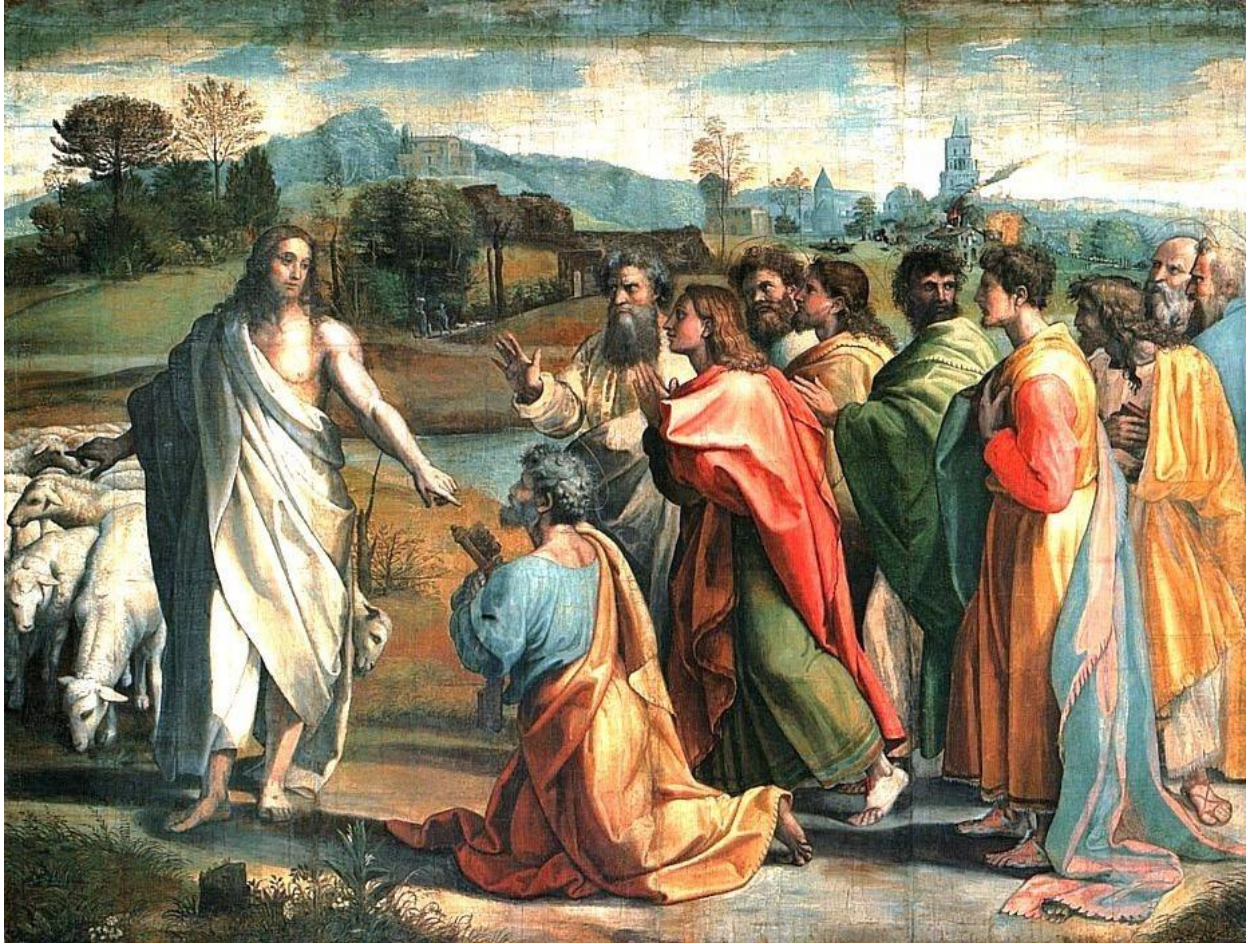




St James Cathedral

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Forged in Fire: From Age to Age



"Christ's Charge to Peter" by Raphael

Holy Eucharist

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 at 9 a.m.



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FALL 2026 MINISTRY LAUNCH

- 8/23: Sunday School Open House
- 8/26: Chorister Evensong 5:45 p.m.
- 8/30: Sunday Sundaes and first day of Sunday School
- 8/30: Sunday Forum at 10 a.m.
- 8/31: Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.
- 9/2: Bring a Friend to Choir Day, 4:00 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! Work has begun to prepare our cathedral for the installation of our new organ. During this time, our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services will continue uninterrupted. We will gather for worship in the Great Hall – the lower level of St. James Commons, the modern glass and bronze building attached to the cathedral. If you would like to learn about the mission and ministry of the cathedral community, please complete one of the visitor cards available at the Welcome table.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome at St. James. There is a safe space in the Great Hall 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 eucharistic minister know if you would need a gluten-free wafer. We are also happy to bring Communion to you if. 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 can be found on the ground and lower levels of St. James Commons.

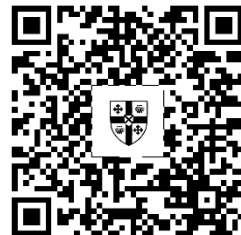
GET INVOLVED & BECOME A MEMBER

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! For more info about becoming a member, visit SaintJamesCathedral.org/Join.



The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James,
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THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS

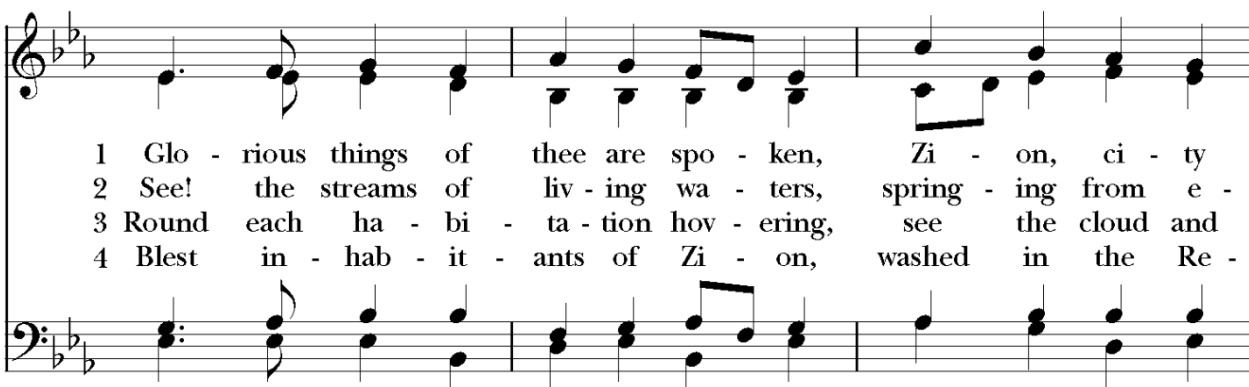
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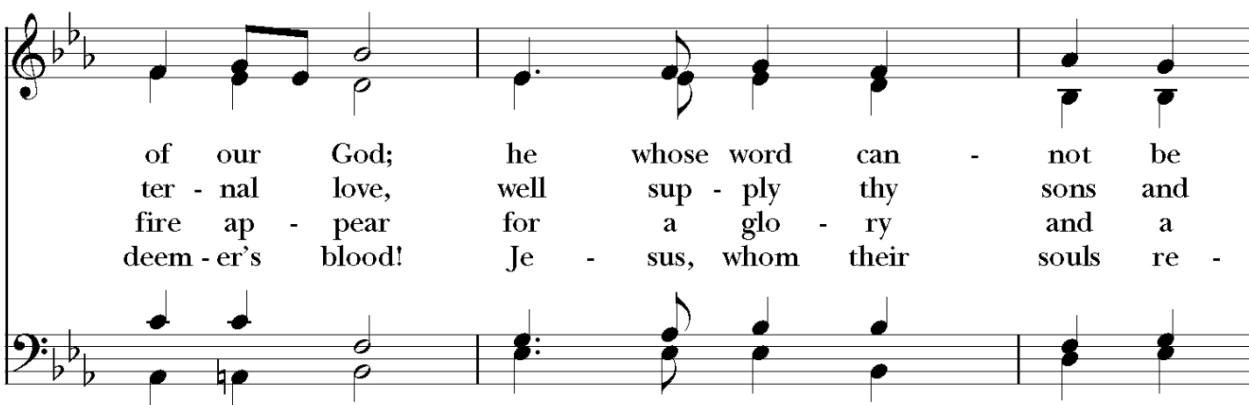
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INTROIT HYMN

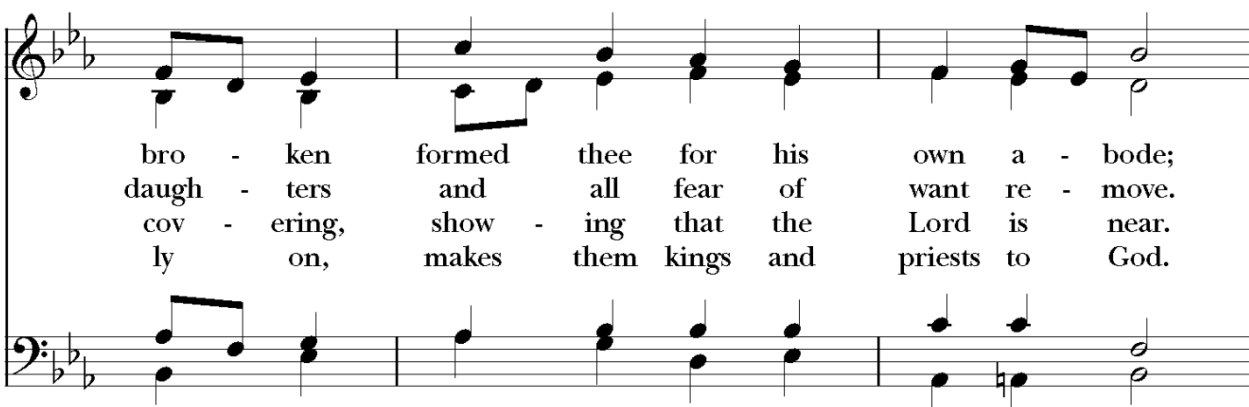
Hymnal 522



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -



of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -



bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1807)

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 Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The presider pronounces God's forgiveness.

GLORIA



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 of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. (12:1–8)

Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

I realize how kind God has been to me, and so I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith that God has given you. A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.

God has also given each of us different gifts to use. If we can prophesy, we should do it according to the amount of faith we have. If we can serve others, we should serve. If we can teach, we should teach. If we can encourage others, we should encourage them. If we can give, we should be generous. If we are leaders, we should do our best. If we are good to others, we should do it cheerfully.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA

As the Gospeller 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

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (16:13–20)
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his followers, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They answered, “Some say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah, and still others say you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Then Jesus asked them, “And who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus answered, “You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah, because no person taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am. So I tell you, you are Peter. On this rock I will build my church, and the power of death will not be able to defeat it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; the things you don’t allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows.” Then Jesus warned his followers not to tell anyone he was the Christ.

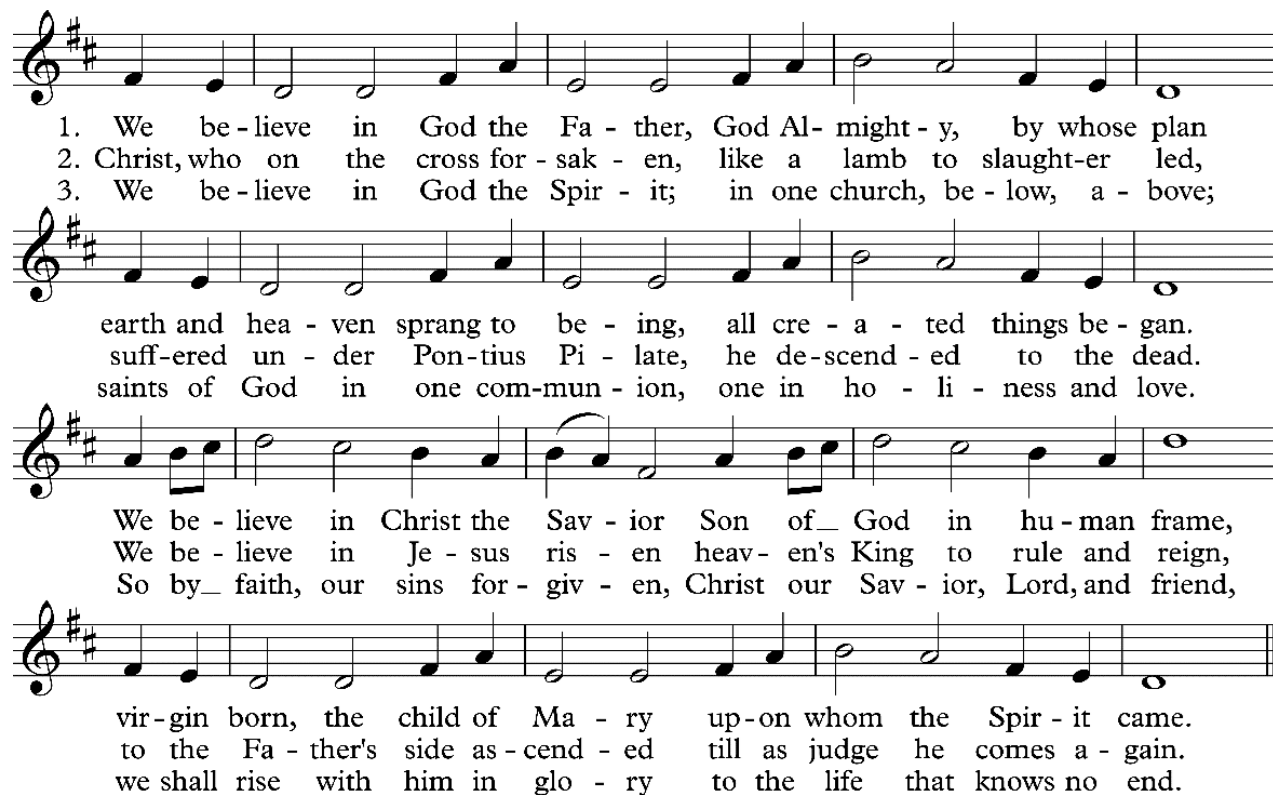
All The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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SERMON

The Rev. Canon Steven Balke
Canon Vicar

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 304

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

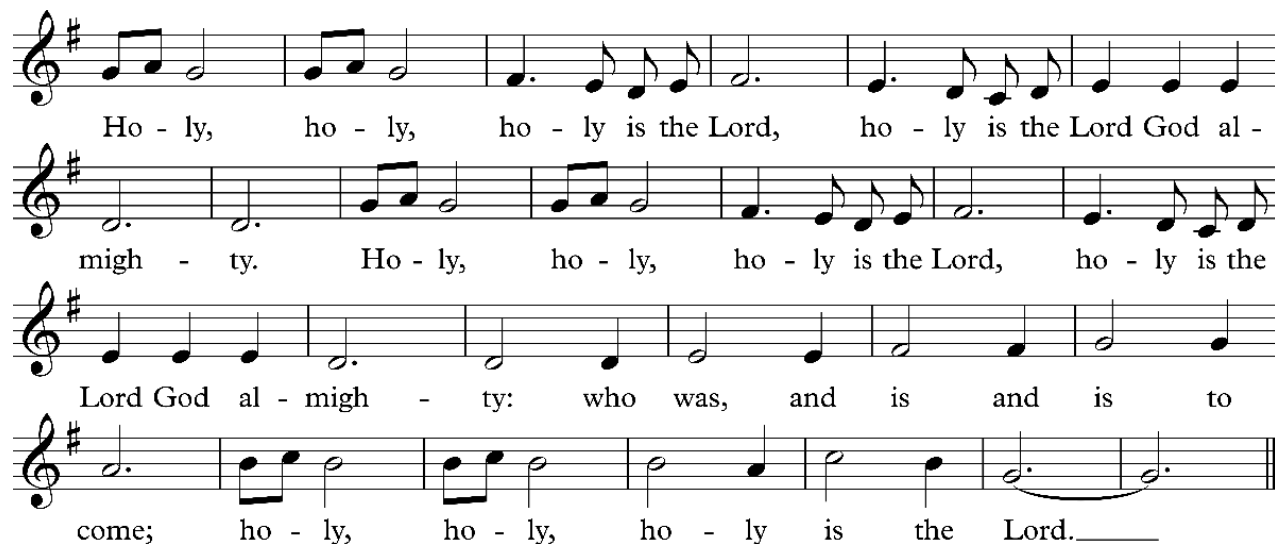
Presider God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



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 How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All Listen, and we will hear.

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 S-119

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 -
migh - ty. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus is the Lord, Je - sus is the
Lord God al - migh - ty: who was, and is and is to
come; Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus is the Lord.

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 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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.
 Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

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

<i>Presider</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY:
Ginger, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Lois, Mary, Yvonne, Lee, Rachael, Jonah, Richard, Cleo, Frank, Joshua, Nicole, Pamela, Sue, Wei Wei, James, Eoin, Bill, Gina, Dominic, Michael, Gary, Carolyn, Donna, Amanda, Ann, Robert

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Marilyn Sterne, Jonathan Velasco

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Devante

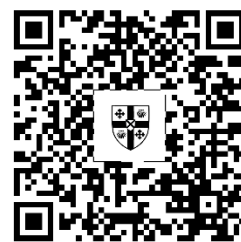
DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: Our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; The Dioceses of Province Five: Intercessions are offered for the leadership of Province Five of the Episcopal Church. And our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for our weekly newsletter at SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews or texting SJCenews to 22828

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! Register at the Welcome Table or email jperkins@SaintJamesCathedral.org

- **TODAY – Registration Fair:** Meet teachers, tour classrooms, and explore the curriculum. No formal class, but all registrations are due today.
- **Aug 30 – Sundae Sunday & First Day:** Enjoy a sweet treat after the 9:00 AM service, followed by our first day of class!



THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS

YOUTH ACOLYTE, READER, AND ADULT VOLUNTEER TRAINING, TODAY:

- **Today**, right after this service, stick around in the Great Hall with Jacob Perkins for a brief training if you'd like to get more involved as a youth acolyte, reader, or adult volunteer for our 9:00 AM service! Roles are available for all ages and interests.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES:

- 60s & 70s Group meets on the 1st and 4th Tuesday in the library. To learn more, email 60and70@SaintJamesCathedral.org
- The First Tuesday Book Group Summer Read is *The Gilded Age*, and they'll meet on Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. on the second-floor meeting room. Contact Marcy Backhus at marcybackhus@me.com
- The First Sunday Book Group's first meeting of the fall will be on Sept. 13 to discuss Desmond Tutu: *A Spiritual Biography of South Africa's Confessor*. Contact Marcy for more information at 1stSundays@SaintJamesCathedral.org
- The Arts Council's next meeting is Sept. 13 after the 11 a.m. service in the library. For more info and to share ideas, contact Michel Stauffer at Michael.Stauffer@wheaton.edu.



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PRESIDER & PREACHER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Spoken</i>)	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family</i>)	Great Hall
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Choral</i>)	Great Hall
		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	Chapel
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i>)	Cathedral

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