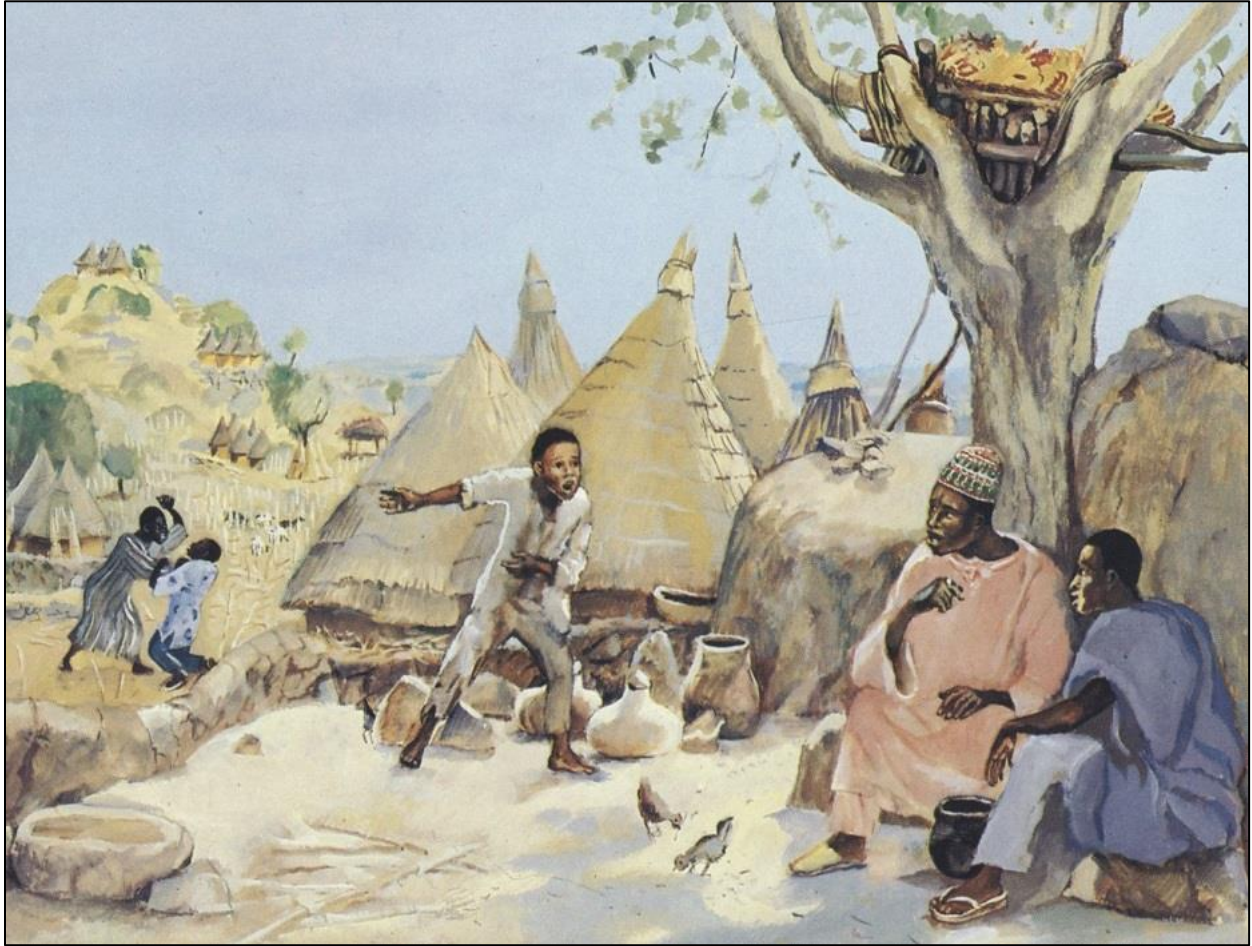




St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Forged in Fire: From Age to Age



"The Unforgiving Servant" by Jesus Mafa

Holy Eucharist
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 at 9 a.m.



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UPCOMING FORUM SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER 13: Richard Hoskins will speak on the Supreme Court as part of our ongoing discussion on the U.S. Constitution.



SEPTEMBER 20: Hear directly from the leaders of St. James Social Justice, St. James Pride, and Creation Care. Discover what these groups do for our parish and how you can join in.



Scan the QR Code for Additional dates and More Info.

Sundays | 10 a.m. | Kyle's Place

Note: Kyle's Place is on the first floor of the modern building pictured above.

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. 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.

RESTROOMS

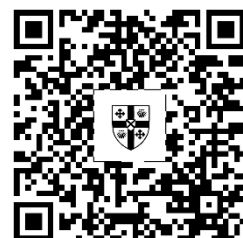
Restrooms are located on this level in the Welcome Center in the attached modern building. Additional restrooms can also be found on the lower level of the cathedral via the stairs in the Wabash lobby.

GET INVOLVED & BECOME A MEMBER

There are a variety of ways to become involved, whether you are already a committed follower of Christ, an occasional visitor who appreciates our programming, or someone simply seeking connection. 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,
Dean of the Cathedral



THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS

Gathering

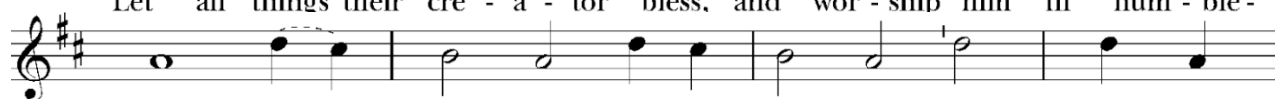
VOLUNTARY

The people stand
INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 400



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams

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.

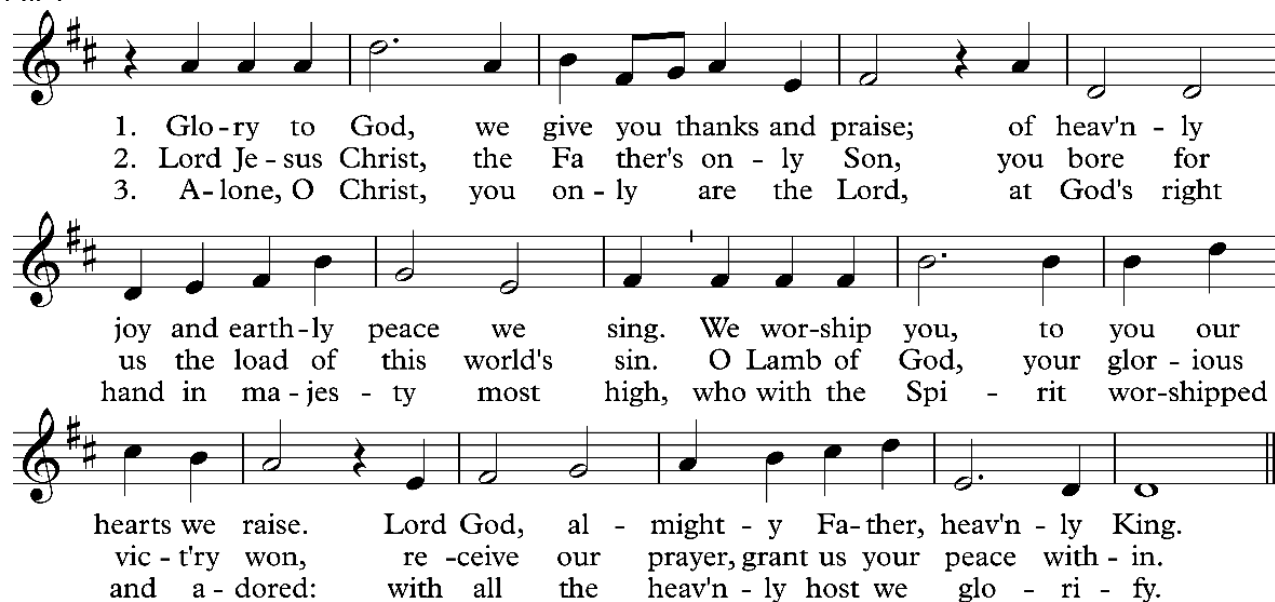
All **Christ, have mercy.**

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. Desc: Cathedral Choristers, Choir Camp 2025

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1–12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

All The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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: Caribbean traditional, arr. John L. Bell (b. 1949)

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:21–35)

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

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, when my fellow believer sins against me, how many times must I forgive him? Should I forgive him as many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, you must forgive him more than seven times. You must forgive him even if he wrongs you seventy times seven.

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who decided to collect the money his servants owed him. When the king began to collect his money, a servant who owed him several million dollars was brought to him. But the servant did not have enough money to pay his master, the king. So the master ordered that everything the servant owned should be sold, even the servant’s wife and children. Then the money would be used to pay the king what the servant owed.

But the servant fell on his knees and begged, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe.’ The master felt sorry for his servant and told him he did not have to pay it back. Then he let the servant go free. Later, that same servant found another servant who owed him a few dollars. The servant grabbed him around the neck and said, ‘Pay me the money you owe me!’ The other servant fell on his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe.’

But the first servant refused to be patient. He threw the other servant into prison until he could pay everything he owed. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very sorry. So they went and told their master all that had happened.

Then the master called his servant in and said, 'You evil servant! Because you begged me to forget what you owed, I told you that you did not have to pay anything. You should have showed mercy to that other servant, just as I showed mercy to you.' The master was very angry and put the servant in prison to be punished until he could pay everything he owed.

This king did what my heavenly Father will do to you if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

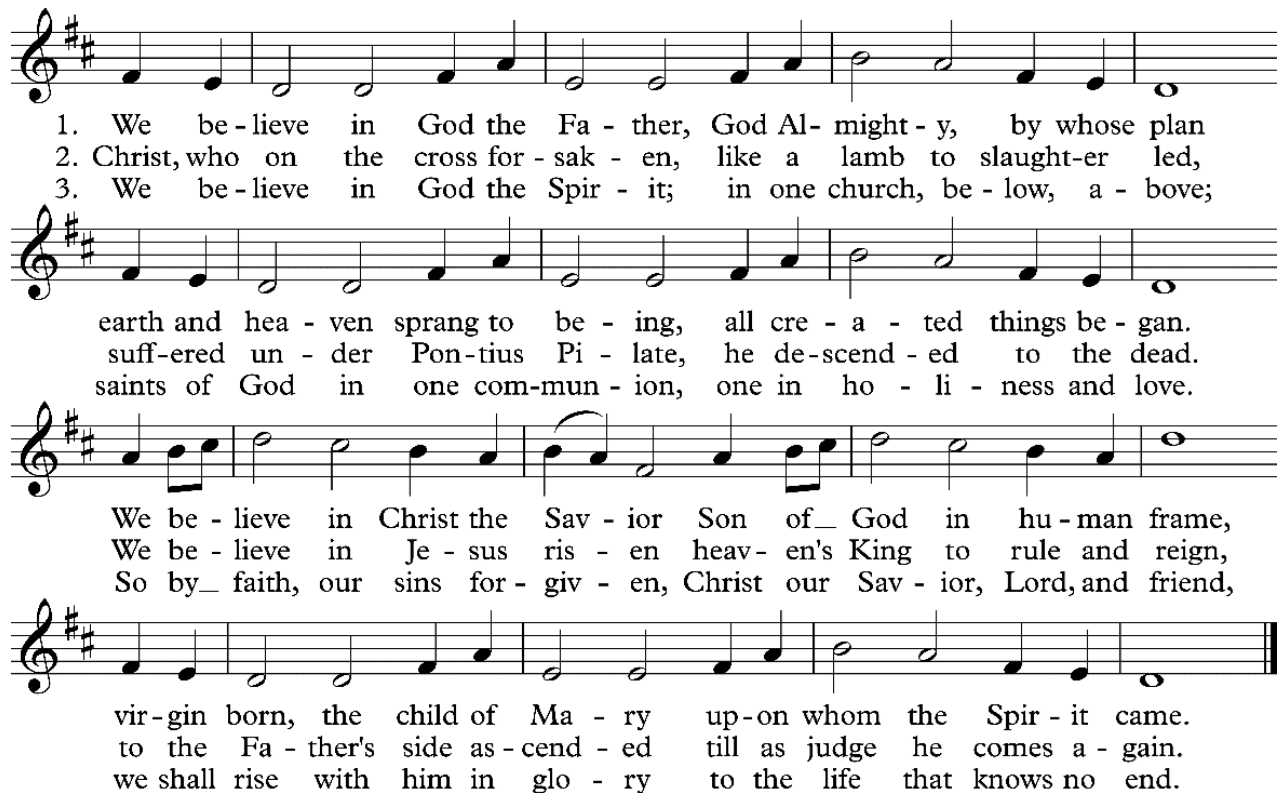
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SERMON

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James

Dean of the Cathedral

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.

The people stand

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 656

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1861-1945) and Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.

Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lord, wor - thy is the Lord God al -
 migh - ty. Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lord, wor - thy is the
 Lord God al - migh - ty: who was, and is and is to
 come; wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lord.

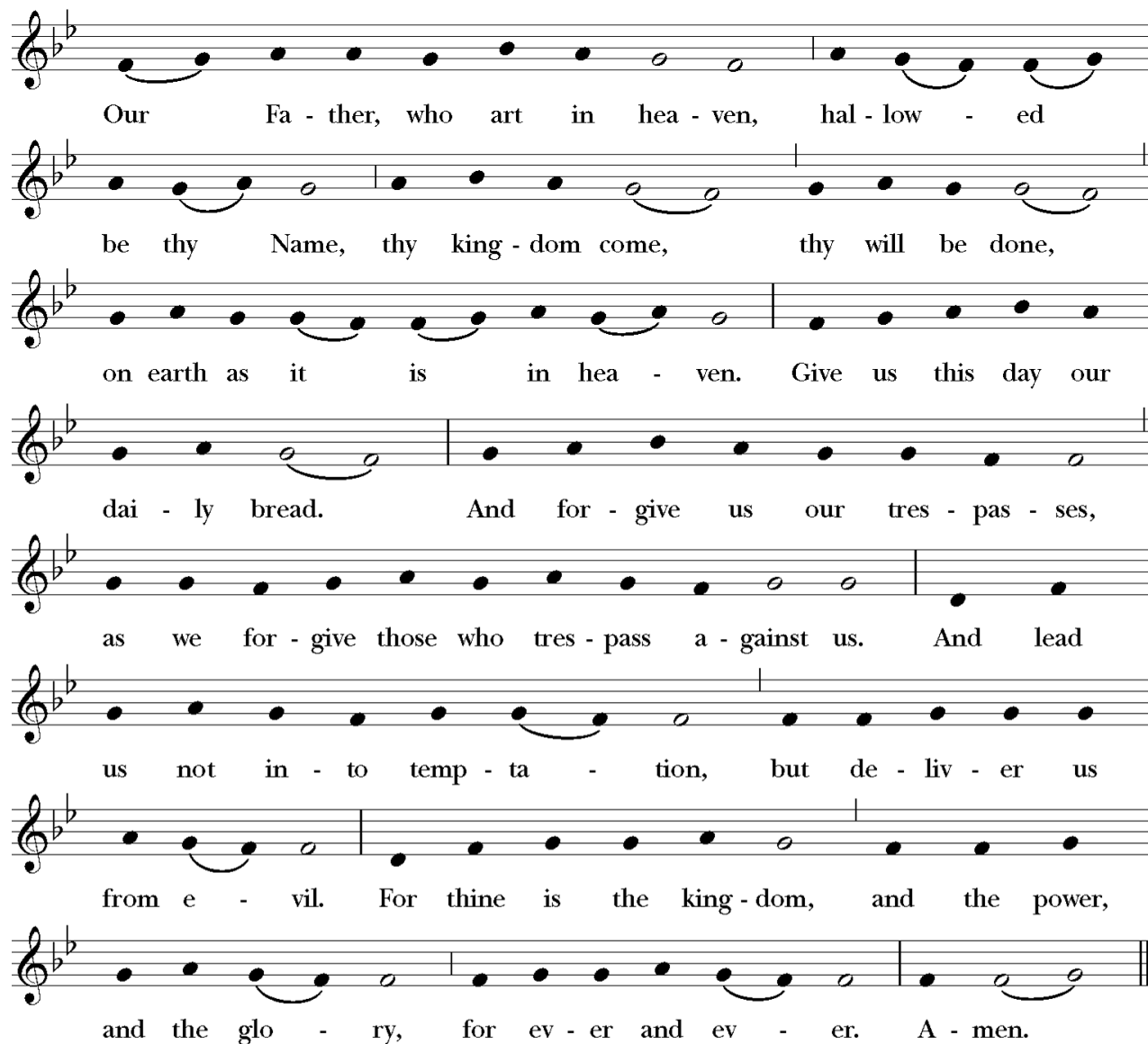
Reader How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All Listen, and we will hear.

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.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord, glo - ry to the Lord God al -
 migh - ty. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord, Glo - ry to the
 Lord God al - migh - ty: A - men, A - men, A - men, A -
 men; glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

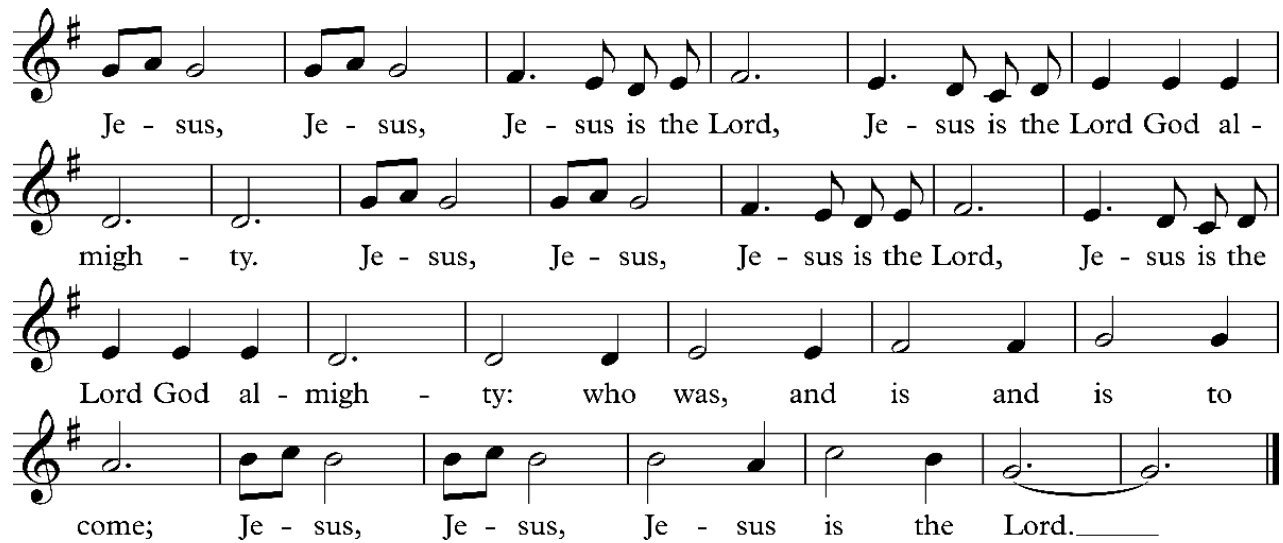
Hymnal S-119



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



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.

The choristers sing

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hall Johnson (1888-1970)

Great day! Great day the righteous marchin'.
Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's wall.

Chariot moved on the mountaintop.
My Lord spoke and the chariot stopped.

This is the year of Jubilee.
When my Lord set his people free.

When I was a moaner just like you.
I prayed and prayed till I come through.

We want no cowards in our band.
We call for valiant-hearted men.

My brethren, Great day! Great day the righteous marchin'.
Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's wall.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The people 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 397

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;



Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598–1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1947)

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, 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, Thomas, Jack, Christopher

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Mark Weddle

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Charles, Dante, Ryan, Candace, Josh, Enderson, Crystal, Jerome, Amadeus, Kyle, Reginald, Angelo, Daje

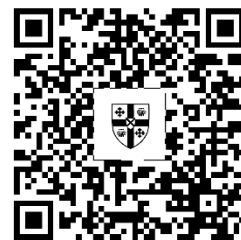
DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: Our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; The following bodies of the Episcopal Church: The General Convention; The House of Bishops; The House of Lay & Clerical Deputies; The Executive Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES:

- **60s & 70s Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the library. To learn more, email 60and70@SaintJamesCathedral.org
- **The First Tuesday Book Group** Join us as we discuss *Hill* by Harriet Clark! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6 in 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 today at 1:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Library to discuss Desmond Tutu: A Spiritual Biography of South Africa's Confessor. Contact Kim for more information at 1stSundays@SaintJamesCathedral.org
- **The Arts Council's** next meeting is today after the 11:00 a.m. service in the library. For more info and to share ideas, contact Michel Stauffer at Michael.Stauffer@wheaton.edu.
- **Centering Prayer** resumes on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 PM Central via phone following our summer recess—scan the QR code in this week's e-news to connect directly with Greg for meeting details and join our nationwide circle in silent, grounding reflection.
- **The Young Adults (20s-30s)** are invited to kick off the 2026–27 program year today at 12:30 PM in Room 307 for formation, lunch, and an optional afternoon field trip to the Monastery of the Holy Cross—scan the QR code in this week's e-news to RSVP!



THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS



O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 7:30 P.M.

The Choir of St. James Cathedral
Andrew Megill, Conductor-In-Residence



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

PREACHER: 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>)	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

CLERGY & STAFF

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The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin, *Community Partnerships*
The Rev. Rick Incorvati, *Deacon*
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