



St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Forged in Fire: From Age to Age



Mural of St. Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio at St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia

Choral Evensong & Blessing of the Animals
St. Francis of Assisi
October 4, 2026 at 4 p.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 an usher.

This service is from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, which is the basis of Evensong liturgies in the Anglican and Episcopal family ever since. Thomas Cranmer sought to simplify the daily pattern of prayer by creating Evensong out of Vespers and Compline. The high-point of the service are the two canticles which celebrate Christ's Incarnation: Mary's song of joy we call the *Magnificat*, and Simeon's song of revelation we call the *Nunc Dimittis*.

Unlike celebrations of Holy Communion, Evensong does not involve much congregational participation. You are invited to stand, kneel, or sit where indicated. Above all, make space to allow the beauty of spoken and sung scripture to bring you closer to God.

Whether you are a committed follower of Christ, an occasional visitor who appreciates our programming, or fall somewhere in between, we are happy you chose to worship with us today. 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*

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 via the stairs in the Wabash lobby.

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 Center desk in the narthex.

Gathering

Weather permitting, the people and animals gather on the plaza.

The choir leads the procession, beginning at 4:00, into the Cathedral.

In case of rain, the people and animals gather in the Cathedral.

INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 406



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 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!

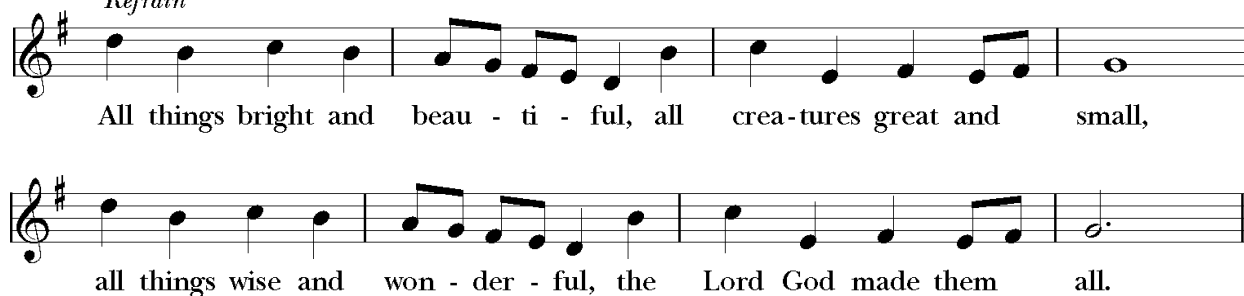
Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

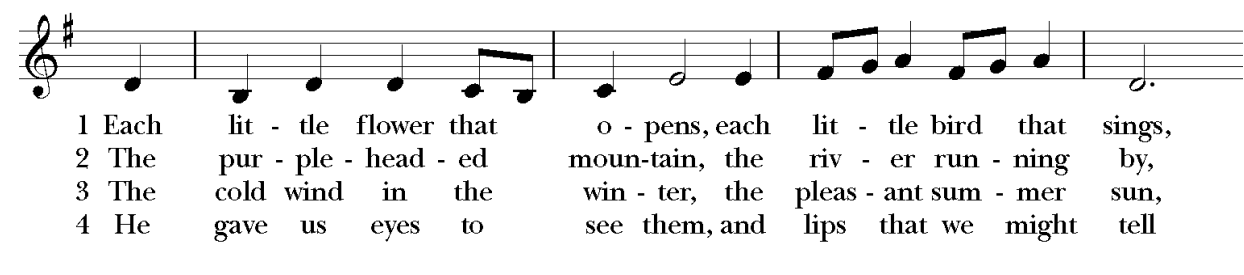
INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 405

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)

The people stand

PRECES & RESPONSES

Jessica French (b. 1991)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The Dean introduces the service and welcomes the congregation

The people are seated

PSALM 148

David Willcocks (1919–2015)

O praise the Lord from the heavens:
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all ye angels of his:
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens,
and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord:
for he spake the word, and they were made;
he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever:
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
ye dragons and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours,
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills;
fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle;
creeping things and flying fowls;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples;
princes, and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children,
praise the Name of the Lord:

for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people: all his saints shall praise him;
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Genesis. (1:20–26)

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

The people stand

MAGNIFICAT in B Minor

T. Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The people are seated

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew. (11:25–30)

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The people stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *in B Minor*

Noble

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSES

French

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of thee, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Choir Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Officiant Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: For the love of thy only Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

During the singing of the anthem, the people bring forward their animal companions to receive God's blessing

The people are seated

ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lamb

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

I. Chorus – Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues; Give the glory to the Lord, and the Lamb. Nations, and languages, and every creature in which is the breath of Life. Let man and beast appear before him, and magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter, bind a leopard to the altar and consecrate his spear to the Lord. Let Ishmail dedicate a tiger, and give praise for the liberty in which the Lord has let him at large. Let Balaam appear with an ass, and bless the Lord his people and his creatures for a reward eternal. Let Daniel come forth with a lion, and praise God with all his might through faith in Christ Jesus. Let Ithamar minister with a chamois, and bless the name of Him that cloatheth the naked. Let Jakim with the satyr bless God in the dance. Let David bless with the bear the beginning of victory to the Lord, to the Lord the perfection of excellence.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah for the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnifical and mighty. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

II. Solo – For I will consider my cat Jeoffry. For he is the servant of the living God. Duly and daily serving him. For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East he worships in his way. For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round with elegant quickness. For he knows that God is his savior. For God has blessed him in the variety of his movements. For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest. For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty, from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.

III. Solo – For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valor. For this is a true case– Cat takes female mouse, male mouse will not depart, but stands threatening and daring. If you will let her go, I will engage you, as prodigious a creature as you are. For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valor. For the Mouse is of an hospitable disposition.

IV. Solo – For the flowers are great blessings. For the flowers are great blessings. For the flowers have their angels, even the words of God's creation. For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary. For there is a language of flowers. For the flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

V. Chorus – For I am under the same accusation with my Savior, for they said, He is besides himself. For the officers of the peace are at variance with me, and the watchman smites me with his staff. For the silly fellow, silly fellow, is against me, And belongeth neither to me nor to my family. For I am in twelve hardships, but he that was born of a virgin shall deliver me out of all, shall deliver me out of all.

VI. Solo – For H is a spirit and therefore he is God. For K is king and therefore he is God. For L is love and therefore he is God. For M is music and therefore he is God.

VI. Chorus – For the instruments are by their rhimes, for the shawm rhimes are lawn fawn and the like. For the shawm rhimes are moon boon and the like. For the harp rhimes are sing ring and the like. For the harp rhimes are ring string and the like. For the cymbal rhimes are bell well and the like. For the cymbal rhimes are toll soul and the like. For the flute rhimes are tooth youth and the like. For the flute rhimes are suit mute and the like. For the bassoon rhimes are pass class and the like. For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place and the like. For the clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the like. For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound and the like.

For the trumpet of God is a blessed intelligence and so are all the instruments in Heaven. For God the Father Almighty plays upon the harp of stupendous magnitude and melody. For at that time malignity ceases and the devils themselves are at peace. For this time is perceptible to man by a remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.

VI. Chorus – Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah for the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

based on the poem *Jubilate Agno*
by Christopher Smart (1722–1771)

The Rev. Walter Hussey commissioned Benjamin Britten to write Rejoice in the Lamb for the 50th anniversary of the consecration of St. Matthew's Church, Northampton England in 1943. As Rector of St. Matthew's and later Dean of Chichester Cathedral, he was one of the greatest supporters of sacred art in the 20th-century, commissioning works from William Walton, Leonard Bernstein, Marc Chagall, Henry Moore, and other luminaries across various genres.

The text of Rejoice in the Lamb is taken from the poem Jubilate Agno, written by Christopher Smart while he was confined in a psychiatric hospital. It is a vast hymn of praise, teetering between religious ecstasy and the ravings of a madman. He explores how all creation magnifies the Creator, perhaps most poignantly his own pet cat Jeffry.

The people kneel

PRAYERS

The people stand and sing

HYMN

A Prayer of St. Francis

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is hat-red, let me bring your
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in life, let me bring
3. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-ing that we are

love;
hope.
par - doned, where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don
Where there is dark - ness, let me bring your
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -

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Lord;
light;
ceive, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, e - ver joy.
and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

O Mas - ter, grant that I may ne - ver seek so much to be con - soled as to con

sole, to be un - der - stood as to un - der -

stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Words: Prayer of St. Francis, adapt. Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

Music: Temple

SERMON

The Rev. Rick Incorvati
Deacon



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The people stand

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 416

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.

Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

BLESSING

The Dean prays for God's blessing on the gathered people.

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in G minor, K. 30, "Cat Fugue"

Domenico Scarlatti
(1685-1757)

MUSIC NOTE:

Legend has it that Scarlatti's cat, Pulcinella, walked across his keyboard, striking a bizarre, wide-interval sequence of notes. Scarlatti liked the strange melody so much he turned it into the main subject of a brilliant fugue.



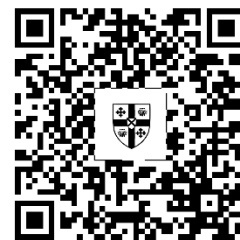
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Details are always available at SaintJamesCathedral.org/Music or on the Music Season brochure in the back of the cathedral.



THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS

All Souls Requiem

HOWELLS REQUIEM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
4:00 P.M.



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Voices on the Commons: conversations for the common good



SEPT 27

- Funmi Olopade, Nigerian-born American professor and expert in cancer risk-assessment and individualized treatment, MacArthur Fellow
- Ray Suarez, journalist and author of *We are Home: Becoming American in the 21st Century*



OCT 4

- Nancy French, author and political commentator
- David French, opinion columnist and journalist



OCT 11

- Eileen Shanley-Roberts, seminary professor and director of contextual learning
- Richard Hoskins, diocesan chancellor emeritus and professor of law



NOV 1

- John Palfrey, philanthropic leader and specialist in digital technologies
- Darrell Miller, scholar of civil rights, constitutional law, and state and local governments



NOV 15

- Lisa Key, museum executive director
- Lisa Hackney-James, cathedral dean

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PREACHER: 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	Chapel
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i>)	Cathedral

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