



St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Forged in Fire: From Age to Age



"Night Vineyard" by Wanda Turner

Holy Eucharist

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 at 8 a.m.



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

Sundays | 10 a.m. | St. James Commons
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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! 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 rear of the chapel 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.

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



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Gathering

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.

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 his 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 are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Paul's Letter to the Philippians (3:4b–14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80: 7–14

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea

and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall,

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The people stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:33–46)

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

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERMON

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James

Dean of the Cathedral

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 petition, the response is

Reader Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

The presider concludes, praying

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 priest 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, 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, Arba, Bob, Kaye, Marcy and Katherine

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Paula Walters, Florence Murphy, Cynthia Hackney

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Deangelo, Angela, Naseem, Mark, and Dorothy

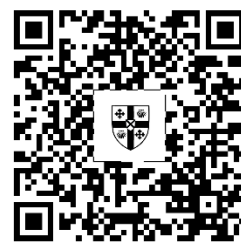
DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: Our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Bishop's Staff at St. James Commons and staff of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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
- **St. James Pride** gathers Saturdays from October 3 through November 28 (11:00 AM–12:00 PM, Room 212) to write holiday notes of support to LGBTQ+ community members. Scan the QR code to get involved and join our first session on October 3.
- **The First Sunday Book Group** meets Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 PM in the second-floor library (65 E. Huron) to discuss Chapter 1 of N.T. Wright's *Into the Heart of Romans*. Scan the QR code to get involved and access the reading material.
- **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
- **Cathedral Young Adults** gather Sunday, October 11 (12:30–3:00 PM) for lunch and an experiential prayer workshop on Imaginative Contemplation with Rev. Stacy Alan. To RSVP, click the E-News QR code!
- **The St. James Arts Council** meets Sunday, October 11, at 12:30 PM to discuss the role of art in worship and outreach. Scan the QR code for more information and to get involved.
- **The Scripture Reflection Group** meets Mondays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in Room 212 to discuss the weekly lectionary readings, with optional Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up.



THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS



SUNDAYS AHEAD

OCT. 4

Pet Blessing Evensong

Gather on the plaza at 3:45 p.m. for a 4 p.m. Cathedral Evensong and pet blessing.

OCT. 11

Chicago Marathon

Sunday activities will proceed as scheduled, but allow extra travel time due to traffic disruptions.

OCT. 17 & 18

Open House Chicago

St. James is honored to participate in Open House Chicago again this year.

OCT. 18

Feast of Dedication

We close our sesquicentennial by celebrating our new entrance at the Feast of Dedication and launching the 2027 Annual Pledge Drive.

BLESSING of the ANIMALS with Choral Evensong

**Sunday, October 4 at 4 p.m.
in the Cathedral**

Animals and their companions gather
on the plaza at Huron & Rush at 3:45 pm for a
4:00 pm Evensong and Pet Blessing.



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER & PREACHER: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James

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

CLERGY & STAFF

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James, *Dean*

The Rev. Canon Steven Balke, *Canon Vicar*

The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin, *Community Partnerships*

The Rev. Rick Incorvati, *Deacon*

The Rev. A. Frank Donaghue, *Priest Associate*

Canon Robert Black, *Finance & Administration*

Robert Grisbrook, *Director of Development*

Jacob Perkins, *Associate for Formation*

Dr. John E. Williams, *Associate for Administration*

Nico Tjoelker, *Acting Director of Music*

Sai Mamatha Akkineni, *Staff Accountant*

Tamarra Newbern, *Associate for Communications*

Shaun Bond, *Senior Sexton*

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Allen Moyer, *Senior Warden*; Olivia Elliott, *Junior Warden*; Erin Maus, *Chancellor*; Paul Thompson, *Treasurer*; Elizabeth Wakefield-Connell, *Secretary*; The Rev. Maurice Charles, Phil Debush, Kevin Hampton, Christopher Melvin, Ryan Middlebrook, Michele Crayton, Kimberly Moreland, Maria Price, Keith Schmidt, The Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts, and Eric Weddle



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