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"The Ten Young Women" by Jesus Mafa

Holy Eucharist

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 at 8 a.m.

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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



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

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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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 the Book of Joshua (24:1—3a, 14—25)

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not tarry.

The people stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:1—13)
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

SERMON

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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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

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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, Robert, Thomas, Christopher, Marcy, Katherine, Ann, Russ

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Wilmer, Ricardo, Santiago

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: Our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Diocesan Institutions and Organizations: Episcopal Peace Fellowship; Jubilee Centers; Bexley-Seabury Seminary; St. Augustine College; St. Augustine Center for Native Americans; and the Union of Black Episcopalians And for organizations in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Geiger Primary School and Renk Bible School in the Diocese of Renk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

REVIVE CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Partner with St. James and the ReVive Center to provide Christmas gifts for local families in need. Sign up and drop off all donations at the church by Monday, December 6 at **SaintJamesCathedral.org/ReVive**.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES:

THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS

- **The St. James Arts Council** meets today at 12:30 PM in the library. All are welcome to join us and share their thoughts on the essential role of the arts in our worship and community outreach.
- **The Cathedral Young Adults** meet today at 12:30 PM for our monthly prayer workshop series and lunch, featuring Lilia Ellis, M.Div. Be sure to RSVP using the E-News QR code!
- **The St. James Social Justice Committee** hosts a postcard writing event Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 PM in Kyle's Place. Join us to write notes to your elected leaders using the postcards, stamps, and addresses provided.
- **St. James Pride** invites you to get involved! Join us Saturdays through Nov 28 (11 AM–12 PM, Rm 210) to write holiday notes of support to LGBTQ+ community members (scan the QR code to participate). Plus, don't miss our lunch and movie afternoon on Sunday, Nov 15 at 1:00 PM at the cathedral, featuring a screening of For the Bible Tells Me So. Bring a friend and enjoy food, film, and community!

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If you prefer hardcopy materials and a paper Pledge Card, pick up a Pledge Packet here that contains everything you need to make your Pledge.


ADVENT
LESSONS
& CAROLS
Sunday, November 29
4 p.m.
SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR
A musical service of
stillness and transcendence
as we prepare for Christ to
come into the world
St James Cathedral
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65 E Huron Street



The Gesualdo Six

Friday, November 20th
7:30 p.m.

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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 *(Spoken)*	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Family)*	Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Choral)*	Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service *(see enews, website, or YouTube)*	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong *(Oct–June)*	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer *(see enews, or website)*	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong *(Wednesdays, Sept–June)*	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. Craig Mueller, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. A. Frank Donaghue, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. Rick Incorvati, *Deacon*
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