



# St James Cathedral

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*"The Baptism" by A. C. Williams*

Holy Eucharist

## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025 at 8 a.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 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 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 \$10. 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 are in the Welcome Center connected to the east end of the cathedral and below the front entrance of the cathedral.

## GET INVOLVED

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 and helping you connect with this vibrant and historic community!



The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James,  
*Provost of the Cathedral*



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

# Gathering

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*As the clergy enter the chapel, please stand.*

*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.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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 God's 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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. (43:1-7)

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Read in response by the reader and all.*

## PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;

**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders;

**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
**and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

*Please stand.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (3:15-17, 21-22)

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin  
*Canon for Community Partnerships*

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*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.*

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*Please 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*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; 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](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/give) by scanning the QR code, 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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Brenda, Ellen, Richard, Ginger, Jane, John, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Elizabeth, Bill, Nancy, Tom, Lois, LaVonne, Bob, Oriana, Mary, Scott, Hazel, Hollis, Nathaniel, Paul, Skylar, Laura, Shari, Fran, Bishop Chilton

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Glynne Gervais

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING: Kristina, Martina, Martinez, Isaiah, Timothy, Myron, Damario

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Congregations in the Aurora Deanery: Incarnation and, St. Luke's Philippine Independent Church in Bloomingdale; St. Benedict in Bolingbrook; Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills; St. Andrew in Downers Grove; Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: San Pedro in Veracruz; Glory Church in Renk

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THIS WEEK

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**SCHEDULE** Visit [SaintJamesCathedral.org/Schedule](http://SaintJamesCathedral.org/Schedule) to see the worship and formation schedule.

**YOUNG ADULTS SECOND SUPPER** this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/sjc2supper](http://tinyurl.com/sjc2supper).

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY** Monday, January 20, the building will be closed for the holiday, reopening Tuesday for regular hours.

**ST. JAMES ANNUAL MEETING** Sunday, January 26. There will be only **ONE** service at 10 a.m., followed shortly by the Annual Meeting.

**PILGRIMAGE** This October, we will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rebuilding and rededication of our historic Cathedral, including a special pilgrimage through portions of the Camino de Santiago through Spain. Registration will be finalized by the end of January. For more information see your E-News or email [r.piersontx@gmail.com](mailto:r.piersontx@gmail.com).

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** Our regular Wednesday night schedule continues, gathering for Evensong sung by the Choristers at 5:45 p.m., followed by community dinner at 6:00 p.m. and adult formation at 6:30 p.m.



**Candlemas**  
*Choral Evensong*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 4 P.M.**

*Music by Eccard, Smith, Pärt, Holst, and Josquin  
Sung by the Cathedral Choir*

*During the darkest days of winter, we celebrate Christ as a light for the whole world in this service of beautiful music and candlelit serenity.*

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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PREACHER & PRESIDER: The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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