



St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

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"Fig Trees" by Guy Orlando Rose

Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Lenten Appeals 2025

SAFE SANCTUARIES FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Inspired by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde's January 21 post-inauguration sermon pleading for mercy for immigrants and those in the LGBTQ+ community, the St. James Cathedral Chapter unanimously voted to support two organizations focused on these populations in Chicago.

DIOCESE OF CHICAGO SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee, created by Diocesan Convention in 2019 and formalized in 2024, connects with other local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engages in educating, organizing, advocacy and direct action to ensure the safety and security of the undocumented community. The committee assists in equipping congregations, clergy, and lay leaders to engage in this work based on their local contexts, capacity, and discernment and implementing the work called for by convention resolutions.



Our 2025 Lenten Appeal will not only support the work of the Sanctuary Committee, but also the Asylum Seekers Emergency Fund, established to help meet the immediate needs of the newest Chicagoans and help put them on a path to independence.

ST. MARTIN'S-A SAFE SPACE FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE

Located in Chicago's historic Austin neighborhood, St. Martin's Episcopal Church was founded in 1878 and is one of the few safe spaces for support and community building among LGBTQ+ people on Chicago's West Side. St. Martin's plays a vital role in responding both to the needs of their immediate neighborhood as well as their broader context. St. Martin's describe themselves as "a small congregation with a huge heart for all of God's people."



Our 2025 Lenten Appeal will support direct outreach and our growing partnership with St. Martin's work for the LGBTQ+ community on Chicago's West Side.

TO DONATE

Write "2025 Lenten Appeal" on your check or envelope memo or donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting SaintJamesCathedral.org/give and choosing "2025 Lenten Appeal" under Fund.



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,
Dean of the Cathedral



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

Gathering

OPENING ACCLAMATION

As the clergy enter the chapel, please stand.

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

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 saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Read in response by the reader and all.

PSALM 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (13:1-9)

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 original Creed stated that the divine Jesus was made an incarnate human through the Holy Spirit and Mary, therefore that language is restored in this version.

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

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. To donate to this year’s Lenten Appeal for Safe Sanctuaries, please write in the memo or select online “Lenten Appeal”, or text “SJC Lent” to 73256.

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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 the one 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The presider says

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

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.

A PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or bow as the Presider prays

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Brenda, Ellen, Richard, Ginger, Jane, John, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Bill, Nancy, Lois, Bob, Mary, Scott, Hazel, Hollis, Shari, Sara Jane, Frederick, Yvonne, Sandra, Lee, John, Greg, Tom, Ann, Kaye, Marco, Juan, Patrick, Joy

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Fran Horn, William Willoughby

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: James, Amari, Juan

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, our Presiding Bishop, Sean; For the spouses, partners and children of our bishops, priests and deacons that their relationships would be strengthened and their own ministries to their families and the church be blessed by your Holy Spirit. Intercessions are offered by each congregation for its own corporate life, clergy and lay leadership, and its organizations; and for the city or town in which located and its civic leadership



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for our weekly newsletter at SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews or scanning the QR code.

THIS WEEK

SCHEDULE Visit SaintJamesCathedral.org/Schedule to see the worship and formation schedule.



THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM every weekday at 9:00 a.m. join us from the comfort of your home as we start off our day with prayer together. The Zoom Morning Prayer Link can be found on our website.

FORMATION Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Rm. 1: *The Disciple's Way* Book Study, a series of daily reflections by current leaders of The Episcopal Church. Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Kyle's Place: An exploration of how the arts can form and move our faith lives. Learn more at saintjamescathedral.org/lent



LENT AT THE CATHEDRAL

ACOLYTE & ALTAR GUILD RETREAT April 5 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. An afternoon retreat at St. James for those who want to learn more about serving St. James as an acolyte, a wine chalice bearer, or member of the Altar Guild, as well as all current members. We will have a light lunch and discussion about the ministries, followed by an Instructed Eucharist (interactive worship explaining how the liturgy is designed), and breakout sessions for training. To register, scan the QR code or contact the Cathedral office at 312-751-3570.



ACOLYTE/ALTAR GUILD RETREAT

CHORAL EVENSONG in April falls at the start of Passiontide, the final Sunday in Lent before Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. The choir offers music of Herbert Howells and Gerald Finzi whose monumental anthem "Lo, the full final sacrifice" depicts the redemptive sacrifice of Christ in vivid and affecting detail.



APRIL 6 PASSIONTIDE EVENSONG

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS are collected through Palm Sunday, April 13. Special envelopes are in the narthex. If you would like to have your gift in honor or memory of a loved one, please print their name legibly on the line provided. You can also give online at saintjamescathedral.org/EasterFlowers.



EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS

EASTER VIGIL POTLUCK Bring your favorite family dish to the potluck celebration following the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 19. Sign-up to bring food or volunteer to set-up, serve, or clean-up. Sign up with QR code or on paper after Sunday services at coffee hour.



EASTER VIGIL POTLUCK



Drawing Closer to God Through the Arts

2025 Lenten Preaching and Teaching Series



Sunday, March 23 + Matthew Milliner, Ph.D.
Author of *Mother of the Lamb: The Story of a Global Icon*
Teaching at 10 a.m. Forum in Kyle's Place
Preaching at 11 a.m. Eucharist



Sunday, March 30 + Michael Stauffer, M.F.A.
Chair of the St. James Cathedral Arts Council
Teaching at 10 a.m. Forum in Kyle's Place
Art as a Source of Contemplation



Sunday, April 6 + The Rev. Roger Ferlo, Ph.D.
President Emeritus of Bexley Seabury Seminary
Teaching at 10 a.m. Forum in Kyle's Place
Poets Reading Dante in a World on Fire
Preaching at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Eucharists



Choral Evensong

Music for Passiontide

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 AT 4 P.M.

Music by Herbert Howells and Gerald Finzi
Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Holy Week



SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY April 13

8, 9, and 11 a.m. **Eucharist**

4 p.m. A Child of Our Time:

Choral Responses to the St. Luke Passion

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK April 14

12:10 and 5:30 p.m. Eucharist

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK April 15

12:10 p.m. Chrism Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Eucharist

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK April 16

12:10 and 5:30 p.m. Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17

6:30 p.m. **Eucharist and Foot Washing**

GOOD FRIDAY April 18

1:30 p.m. **Liturgy of the Passion**

6:30 p.m. Seven Last Words

HOLY SATURDAY April 19

8 p.m. **Easter Vigil Eucharist**

Festive reception following

EASTER DAY April 20

8, 9, and 11 a.m. **Eucharist**

10 a.m. Children's Activities.



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER & PREACHER: The Rev. Alan C. James

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

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