

"Fig Trees" by Guy Orlando Rose

# Holy Eucharist Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025 at 9 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.

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome here, and this service is designed to actively engage them in worship. There is an open space to the front right of the pews for children 5 and under to play under your supervision and a changing station for parents of our youngest members under the church in the restrooms.

## 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 or minister know if you would need a gluten-free wafer. 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 \$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!

Lisa Hackney James

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



## Gathering

#### VOLUNTARY



Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

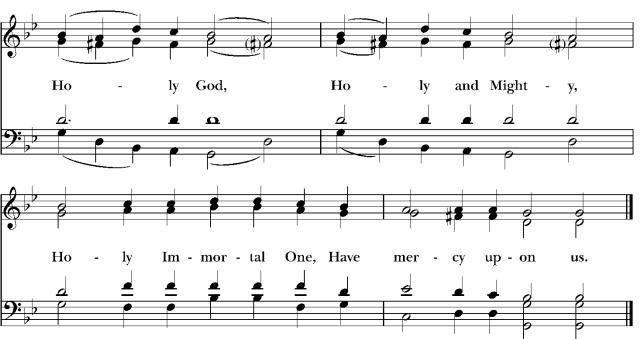
*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All God's mercy endures for ever.

The presider welcomes the people to the service.

#### TRISAGION

All sing the refrain.



Hymnal S102

Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924)

*Reader* We have our fill of sorrow. We blossom like a flower and wither away. We slip away like a shadow and do not stay. In the midst of life we are in death; where can we turn for help? Only to you, Lord, who are justly angered by our sins. *Refrain.* 

*Reader* Shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord. You know the secrets of our hearts; forgive us our sins. Eternal and merciful judge, both in life and when we come to die, let us not fall away from you. *Refrain.* 

#### 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.** 

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderGod be with you.AllAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

# Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Exodus. (3:1-6)

One day, Moses was taking care of the sheep and goats of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, and Moses decided to lead them across the desert to Sinai, the holy mountain. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him from a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. "This is strange!" he said to himself. "I'll go over and see why the bush isn't burning up."

When the Lord saw Moses coming near the bush, he called him by name, and Moses answered, "Here I am."

God replied, "Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals—the ground where you are standing is holy. I am the God who was worshiped by your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Moses was afraid to look at God, and so he hid his face.

The Word of the Lord.

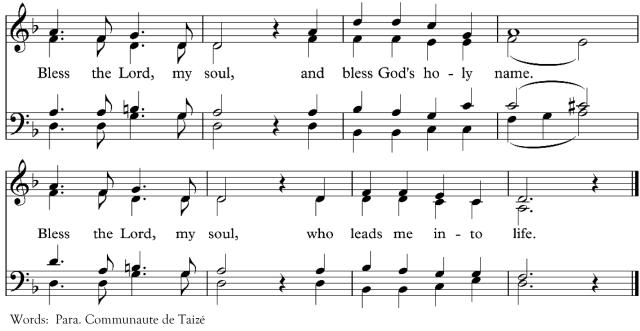
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Thanks be to God.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

As the Gospeller carries the Gospel book past the play area, all children are encouraged to join in the procession, gathering around as the Gospel is read.



Music: Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)

#### HOLY GOSPEL

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (13:6-9)AllGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this story: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for some fruit on the tree, but he found none. So the man said to his gardener, 'I have been looking for fruit on this tree for three years, but I never find any. Cut it down. Why should it waste the ground?' But the servant answered, 'Master, let the tree have one more year to produce fruit. Let me dig up the dirt around it and put on some fertilizer. If the tree produces fruit next year, good. But if not, you can cut it down.'"

	The Gospel of the Lord.	
All	Praise to you, Lord Christ.	New Century Version (NCV) Copyright © 2005

SERMON

The Rev. Alan C. James Executive Officer, Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); from the Apostles' Creed Music: *Tony Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869–1944)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give thanks for what is good in the world and pray for the Church, the world and our local community, the sick, those who need our prayers, and those who have died.

#### 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

Your offering supports the ongoing mission of St. James Cathedral, including the St. James Meals, Meals Among Us, and Summer in the City. <u>Contributions are welcome online</u> 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.

#### Please stand. OFFERTORY HYMN

During the final verse of the hymn, bring your bulletin and gather around the altar for Communion.

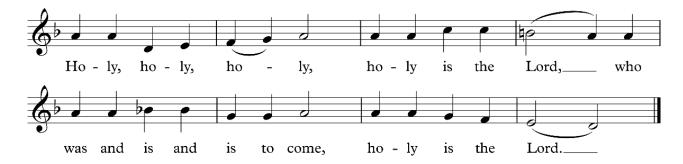


Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider	God 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.
Reader	Why is it right to give God thanks and praise?
All	Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



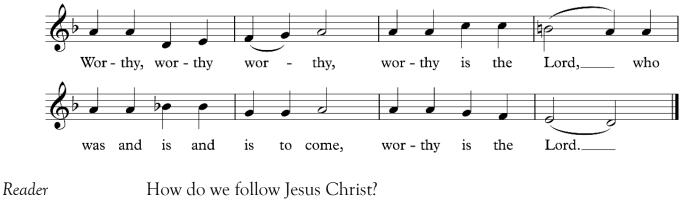
We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Reader	Why do we share this bread and wine?
All	Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

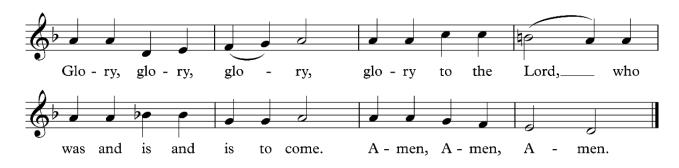
So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.



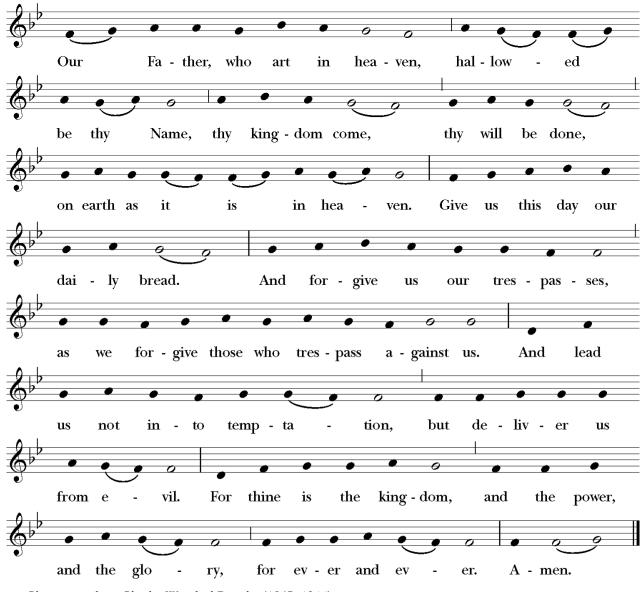
Listen, and we will hear.

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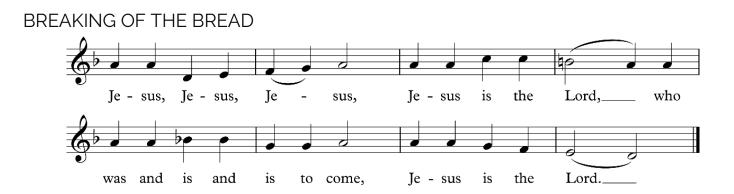
Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.



LORD'S PRAYER



Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)



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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, cross your arms over your chest. Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull and dumb, and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, for stony hearts of men; God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry in praises of the Child by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.

- Richard Wilbur (1921-2017)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand. The presider says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN** 



Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739-1817) Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

#### 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

PresiderLet us bless the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

#### VOLUNTARY

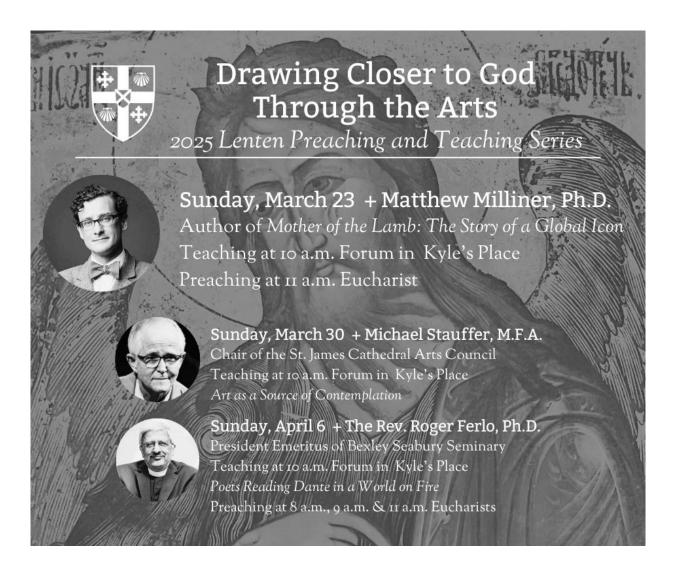
### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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.

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** 

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.

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.

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 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 POTLUC

## Holy Week 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: The Rev.	Canon Steven Balke	PREACHE	R: The Rev. Alan C. Jar	nes			
WORSHIP SCHEDULE							
SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Spoken) Chapel					
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Family)		Cathedral			
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Choral)		Cathedral			
			vice (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		Cathedral			
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensor	ng (Wednesdays, Sept–June	) Cathedral			
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