

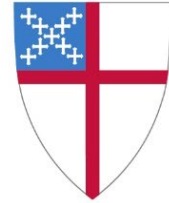


# St. James' Episcopal Church

*knowing and serving God by serving others*

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## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025  
5PM: Saturday  
8AM & 10AM: Sunday  
Holy Eucharist Rite II

# St. James' Episcopal Church

## ***WELCOME!***

It is such a pleasure to have you with us today, and we would be so blessed to see you again! We are affirming of all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, political views, ages, and backgrounds. *You are welcome here.* We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

## ***Join us for Communion!***

All baptized individuals are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, join us at the altar rail and cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available as well, just ask! Haven't been baptized yet? Speak to Father Mike to begin your life-changing celebration- you are never too old to be baptized in the church!

## ***How do I become a member?***

Being a member of St. James is easy! All you need to do is fill out our membership form and you are a member. If you are a confirmed Episcopalian moving from an Episcopal congregation, just simply contact our parish office (610-489-7564), give the Parish Administrator the name of your previous church, and we will contact your previous church for a Letter of Transfer.

## ***What if I am not an Episcopalian?***

You don't need to be a confirmed Episcopalian to be a member of St. James'. You just need to have been baptized and send us a copy of your baptism. All this is on the membership form.

## ***How do I get a membership form?***

Just fill out the "white" welcome card that is in the pews and place it in the offertory plate as it is being passed. Once the office receives your card, we will send you a membership package in the mail. Once you have filled the forms, you can either mail them back to St. James' or bring them with you to church and hand them to Fr. Mike after the service.

## ***What if I have never been baptized?***

Just let Fr. Mike know of your desire to be baptized and we will schedule a Sunday to do so. Baptism is a life-changing experience and one that is done with the community of believers here at St. James'. At our baptism, we make promises to God that help us to live our lives as faithful followers of Christ. We the family of believers here at St. James' will make promises also to uphold you in this endeavor and to support you in any way that we can.

## ***Let's stay in touch!***

Not ready to commit to membership just yet? That's ok! If you'd like to join our weekly "Happenings" email list, speak to Father Mike, or send an email to Sara Terenzi, our Office Admin, at [office@stjames-episcopal.org](mailto:office@stjames-episcopal.org)

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# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday, January 26, 2025

The Word of God

PRELUDE: "A Contemplative Prayer" - Daniel Lasky

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein)* (H 616)



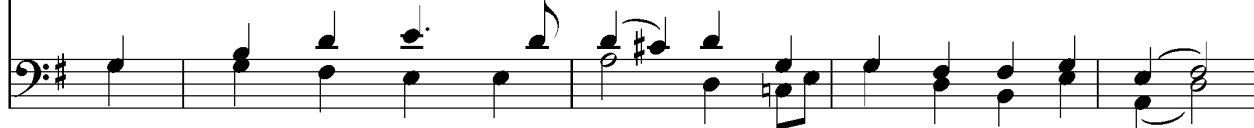
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)** *The people standing, the Celebrant says*  
 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)** *The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**KYRIE ELEISON (5pm only)**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

**SONG OF PRAISE (8 and 10am only)** *The following is sung, all standing*

**TITLE: S 278 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)**


1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



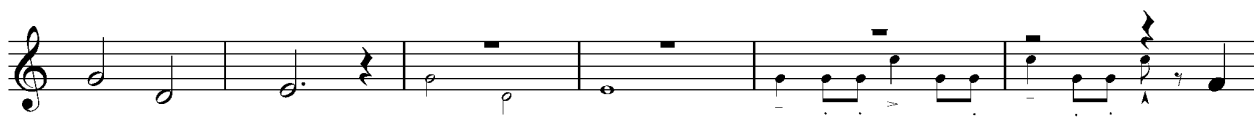
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you




take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



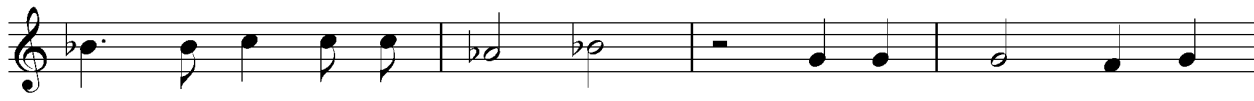
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -




ceive our prayer. 6. For




you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**THE LESSONS** *Please be seated for the readings*

**FIRST READING**

## FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>12</sup>Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (8 and 10am only) *All stand*

TITLE: *O Christ, the Word Incarnate (Munich) (H 632)*

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

**GOSPEL LESSON** *All stand*  
**Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

<sup>14</sup>Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,



<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON:** The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards

**THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)** *All stand*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *You may stand or kneel*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

For those on the St. James' prayer list; Adele\*, Alex, Alexis & Steven, Angela\*, Art\*, Ashton, Becky, Beverly\*, Bill, Carol\*, Charlotte, Cheryl, Cora, Dan, David, Debbie, Donald, Donna, Elaine, Eliza\*, Fran A.\*, Fran R, Frank, Fred, Gary, George, Jaxon, Jean\*, Jeannine\*, Jeff\*, John & Lori, Jonathan\*, Judy, Katherine,\* Kathy & Mike\*, Lena, Linda, Lucie, Marvin & Debbie\*, Marilyn, Mark, Mike, Olga, Pearl, Rita, Robbie, Robin, Sophie\*, Suzannah, Tim\*, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Are there others?*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially Tim Erickson, in whose names these flowers are given; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Are there others?*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**CONFESSIO** *OF SIN* *All kneeling or reverently sitting*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Priest stands and says*

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.*

**THE PEACE** *All stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN (8AM ONLY)** *How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise*  
*(Lyons) (H 533)*

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (10 am only)

"Sing Praise to Christ" - J.S. Bach, Arr. by Adolf Strube (Adult Choir Anthem)

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

**SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)** *The People remain standing*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)** *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

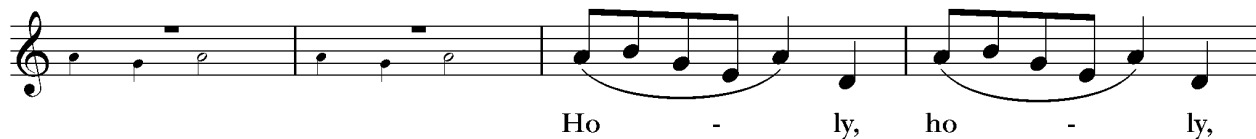
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**SANCTUS** (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

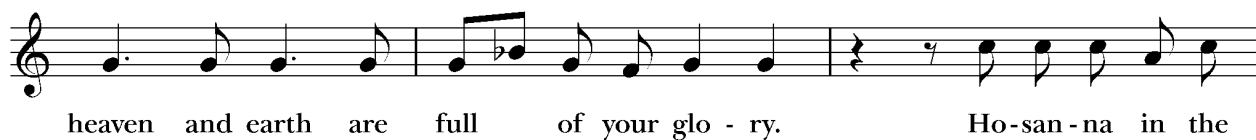
**TITLE: S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the



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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

FRACTION ANTHEM (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

**TITLE: S 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd)**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**INVITATION (BCP p. 364)** *The Celebrant 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.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)** *The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)**

**TITLE: *The Epiphany Carol of St. James* (Ron Davis)**

1. O Lord our God the Word made flesh, we  
 2. Grant each of us a will - ing heart, that  
 3. Make us the bear - ers of Your light, safe

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hail Your com - ing un - to us. May we re - ceive Your  
 on this Earth we do our part, to share with all Your  
 bea - cons through this world - ly night. Use us to wit - ness

grace with - in, O Je - sus born of Ma - ry.  
 gift of love, for Your care,

**TITLE: *Where charity and love prevail* (Cheshire) (H 581)**

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;  
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.  
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.  
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.  
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.  
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed  
 if honored be God's Name;  
 our common life embraces all  
 whose Father is the same.

**TITLE: My God, thy table now is spread (Rockingham) (H 321)**

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick-ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less  
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall



thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP P. 365)**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)**

**TITLE: *O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling (Tidings) (H 539)***

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;  
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

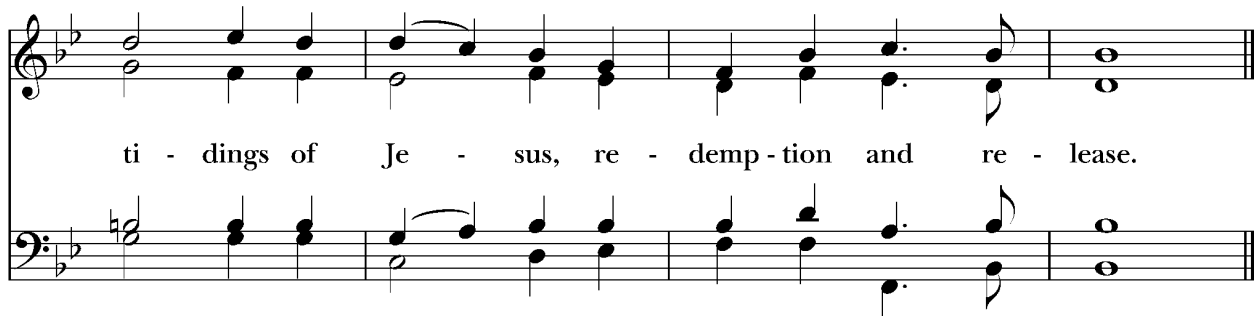
to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,  
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious  
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.  
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.  
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.  
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,



ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** *"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"* - James Mansfield

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Outreach House Items for the Week:** Dishwashing Soap & Laundry Detergent
- **2025 Stewardship packets have gone out!** We have received an anonymous gift that will match all increases in annual pledge this year, up to \$30,000!! **How this works:** if you increase your pledge, the annual amount of your increase will be matched - up to \$30,000! For example, If you pledge weekly, and you increase your pledge by \$20.00 a week, then the annual increase for your pledge would be \$1040.00 and that \$1040.00 would be matched by the 30k. *Let's all work together to make this wonderful gift work for the Church!*
- Help support the Outreach House by donating soup & crackers on **SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY!** Cans of chili, beef based soups & seafood based soups are requested (they have an abundance of chicken based soups at this time). Bring your donation on February 8th & 9th please. As always, we thank our church members for your continuous support!
- **The Good Book Club** will meet at 1:30 on Monday, February 10 to discuss "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks. Please join us for lunch at Grace's Cafe in the Trappe Shopping Center at noon. If you are planning to come to lunch please let Barbara Kimball know: [bkimball202@gmail.com](mailto:bkimball202@gmail.com). All are welcome.
- **Redner's Save a Tape Program** provides ongoing support to Outreach House. Drop boxes for tapes are available at the church in the marked bin above the coat racks outside the office and in the lobby and the gated donation area at Outreach House. If you are a Redner's shopper, please save your tapes.
- Our annual **All Parish Concert** will be held on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. Anyone, of any age, who would like to sing or play an instrument is invited to participate in the program. Please email Lauren ([music@stjames-episcopal.org](mailto:music@stjames-episcopal.org)) the name and composer of your piece(s). A light reception will follow the concert. A free-will donation will be taken to fund the purchase of an upgraded sound system for the sanctuary.
- **If you are visiting us for the first time**, please be sure to fill out the white card located in the front of your pew for more information about our Parish:



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We are happy to have you worship with us and hope to see you again. Please take a moment to fill in the other side of this card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

**Welcome to St. James!**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church in \_\_\_\_\_

Or \_\_\_\_\_/we have no church affiliation.



# The Episcopal Church Women

OF ST JAMES'

Please join us for our next meeting!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

10:00 am  
Platts Hall

Following the business portion of the meeting, a program will be presented by Barbara Mycek on Chair Yoga ... If you would like to actively participate, be sure to dress in comfortable clothing!

As always, refreshments will be served!



# St. James' Episcopal Church

*knowing and serving God by serving others*



## CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards, D. Min., Rector - rector@stjames-episcopal.org

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Sara Terenzi, Parish Administrator - office@stjames-episcopal.org

Ronald Davis, Director of Music Emeritus

**Restrooms** are located through Platts Hall. Please use the door next to the altar to exit, go down the hallway to Platts Hall, located to the right. Follow the signs to the bathrooms through the far door.

**Coffee Hour** is available following the 10am service. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Platts Hall.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children belong here! We welcome their God-given wiggles, questions, and joyful sounds. Please walk through the aisles, feed the babies, and leave and re-enter the service as you need. To assist families, we offer pew activity bags, a "pray-ground" in the back of the sanctuary, and a nursery space in Platts Hall.

**Drop-off Nursery Care** with our paid staff is available throughout the 8am and 10am services. The Nursery is in Platts Hall. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Church School** is available for PreK - 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10am service (September - May.) Students are dismissed after the opening hymn and return for Communion.

**Youth Group** for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade meets monthly (September - May.) See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5pm (spoken service)

Sunday, 8am (with music)

Sunday, 10am (with music and choir)

Live-Stream available at 10am

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

#### Monday

Yoga with Janice (3:30 chair yoga, 5pm yoga, Platt's Hall)

AA Meeting (7pm, Platt's Hall)

#### Wednesday

Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6pm, Platt's Hall)

Theology on Zoom (7:30pm, link in Happenings, Sept-May)

#### Thursday

Christ and Coffee (11am, Platt's Hall)

Drum Circle/Teen Choir (6:30pm, Select Nights)

Scouts (7pm, Platt's Hall and Downstairs)

Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Choir Room)

### OUTREACH HOUSE

Interested in volunteering? See "Happenings" for our current schedule and sign-up links.

Interested in becoming a client? Confidential assistance is available for parishioners. For more information, please speak with Fr. Mike.

**MEDIA POLICY:** St. James' Episcopal Church regularly photographs, and video records our worship services and events. Please note if you are attending our 10AM Worship Service you will be recorded on our live-stream broadcast.

## CHURCH VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Sarah Deacle; **People's Warden:** Marilyn Hastings; **Vestry Secretary:** Kathy Hutchinson; **Outreach Ministries:** Marilyn Hastings, Barbara Bateman; **Treasurer:** Phil Tatem; **Fellowship:** Tanya Millet, Sue Rice; **Member Ministry:** Sharon Hansen; **Building & Grounds:** Francois Springuel, Gene Goff; **Communications:** Janice Tabbut, Ryan Collins; **Education & Worship:** Fr. Mike

Our Mission is: To know and serve God by serving others.

**Worship has ended...Service Begins!**