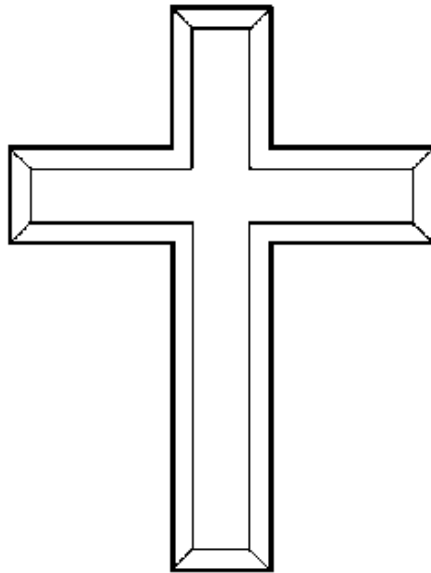


ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025
9:30 AM



Welcome! Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin or the blue book, The Hymnal 1982. Hymns are also printed at the back of the bulletin. Please add your voice to the hymns we sing and the prayers we say together. Congregational responses are in bold. As you are able, please stand where indicated with an asterisk.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

WELCOME

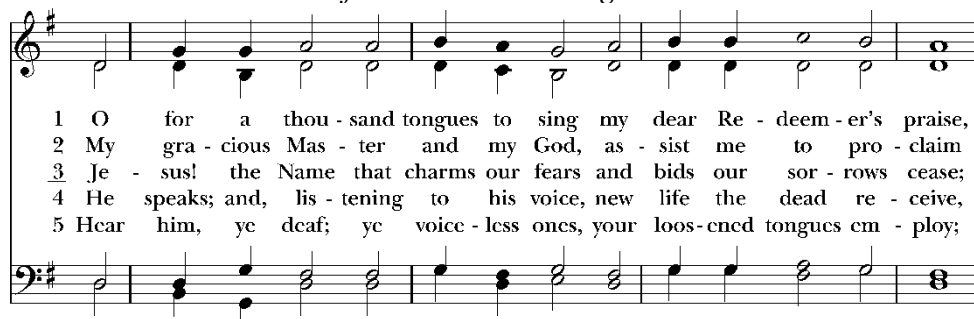
PRELUDE

All stand, as able.

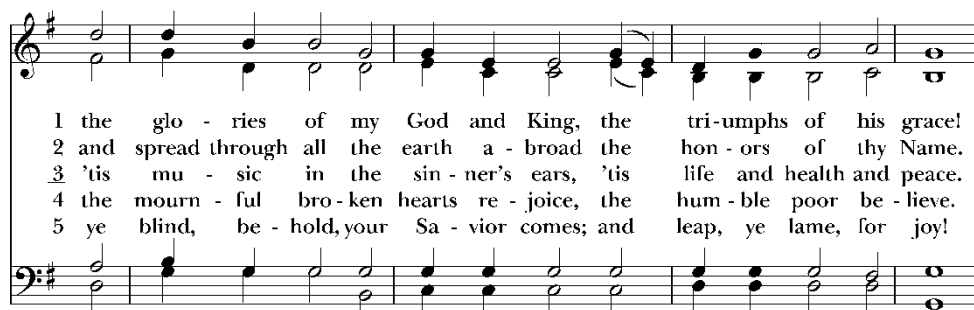
OPENING HYMN *

O for a thousand tongues

Hymn 493



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heav'n.

OPENING ACCLAMATION *

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit

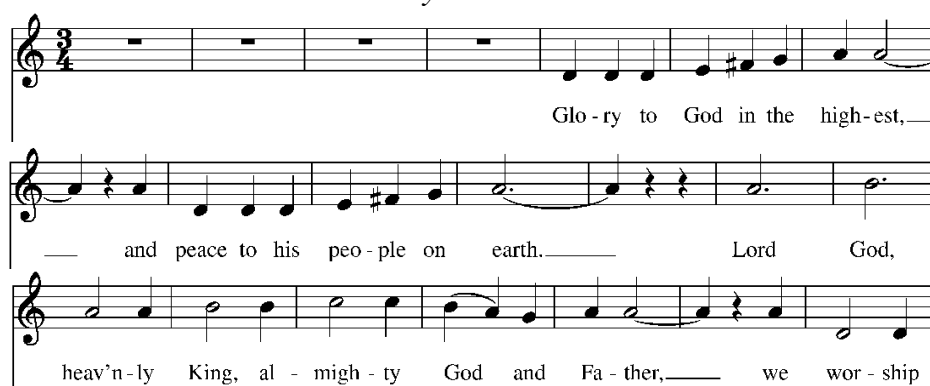
People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

WLP 900



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
 — and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,
 heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —

(♩ = ♩. of preceding – same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Fa - ther, —

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. — For
Fa - ther: re - ceive
Fa - ther: re - ceive

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

Lord, — 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 O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Reader Let us read Psalm 1 responsively by half verse.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN *

Lord, be thy word my rule

Hymn 626

Sing 1 before Gospel, 2 after Gospel

1 Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I re - joice;
2 thy prom - is - es my hope; thy prov - i - dence my guard;
thy glo - ry be my aim, thy ho - ly will my choice;
thine arm my strong sup - port; thy - self my great re - ward.

THE GOSPEL *

Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and
defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for
surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the
prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false
prophets."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev Stacy Salles

After a period of silence, all stand or kneel, as able.

THE NICENE CREED *

All **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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE * (Prayers from Little Fork Episcopal Church, VA.)

Intercessor: Let us respond to each of the Prayers of the People with “Inspire us with your light.”

We praise you for revealing Christ’s glory through the transfiguration. Help us continually stand in awe of him, and listen to him, as God commanded. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

Lord, we thank you for giving us the light of the knowledge of your glory. May our lives attract others to Christ through reflecting that light. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

Lord, we thank you for those whom you have called to serve the Diocese of Michigan. We pray especially for our Diocesan Bishop, Bonnie. Give them wisdom as they study, preach and counsel. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

We trust you to encourage our members, and other local believers, as they serve through their professions, in counseling, medicine, welfare, government, law enforcement, emergency services, education, business and the trades. May their words and actions shine the light of Christ in their spheres of influence. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

We pray for our governmental leaders, our President, and State Governor, as well as our community leaders, that they would lead with justice, mercy and humility. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

Lord, pray for your will to be done in the nations of the world, especially where there is suffering through injustice, greed and vengeance. Move in the hearts of leaders to work for peace, justice and welfare, especially those of Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We also keep in our prayers those suffering because of Climate Change, especially the people of Los Angeles. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

We believe that you love and care for those who are suffering from illness, violence, displacement and persecution. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

Gracious God, we pray for those who have died, trusting them to your everlasting care, May they enjoy your presence for eternity. Ever-living God of light, **inspire us with your light.**

We especially keep in our prayers _____. Please add your own intercessions at this time.

The People may share their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 *

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Shout to the Lord

Arr. Mark Hayes

<i>Verse 1</i> My Jesus, my Savior Lord there is none like You All of my days, I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love My Comfort, my Shelter Tower of Refuge and Strength Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You	<i>Chorus</i> Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing Power and majesty Praise to the King Mountains bow down And the sea will roar At the sound of Your Name I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to The promise I have in You.
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<p><i>Verse 2</i></p> <p>My Jesus, my Savior Lord there is none like You All of my days, I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love My Comfort, my Shelter Tower of Refuge and Strength Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You</p>	<p><i>Chorus</i></p> <p>Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing Power and majesty Praise to the King Mountains bow down And the sea will roar At the sound of Your Name</p> <p>I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to The promise I have in You.</p>
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All stand or kneel, as able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I **Enriching Our Worship*

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

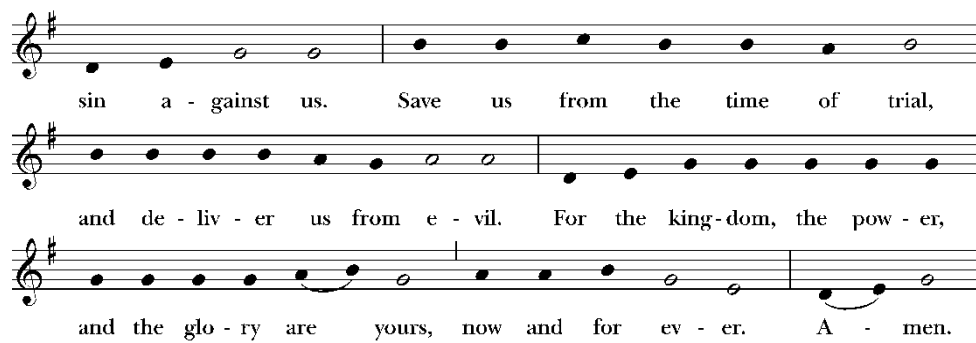
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Remember

Hymn 560

Antiphon

Re - mem - ber your ser - vants, Lord, when you come in your kingly pow - er.

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spi - rit; for theirs is the kingdom of hea - ven.

2. Bless - ed are those who mourn; for they shall be com - fort - ed.

3. Bless - ed are the meek; for they shall in - her - it the earth.

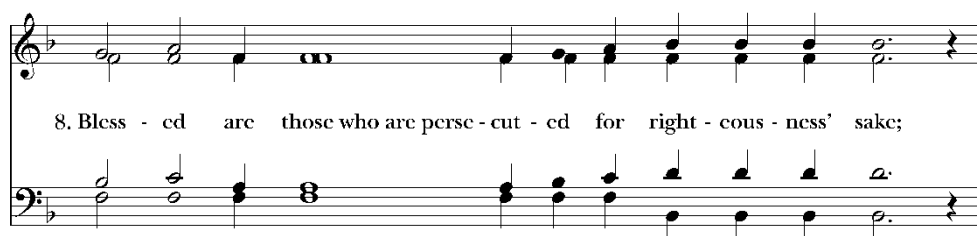
4. Bless - ed are those who hunger and thirst af - ter right - eous - ness;

for they shall be sat - is - fied. 5. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful;

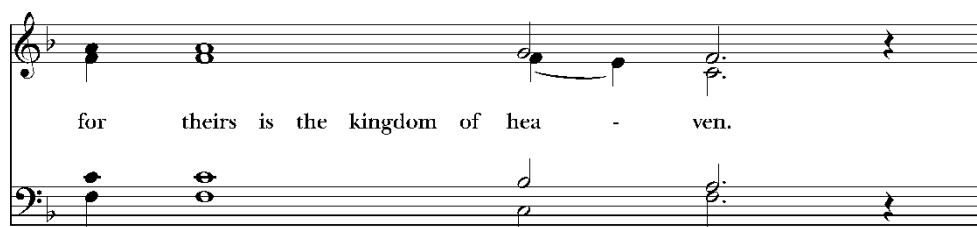
for they shall ob - tain mer - cy. 6. Bless - ed are the pure in heart;

for they shall see God. 7. Bless - ed are the peace - ma - kers;

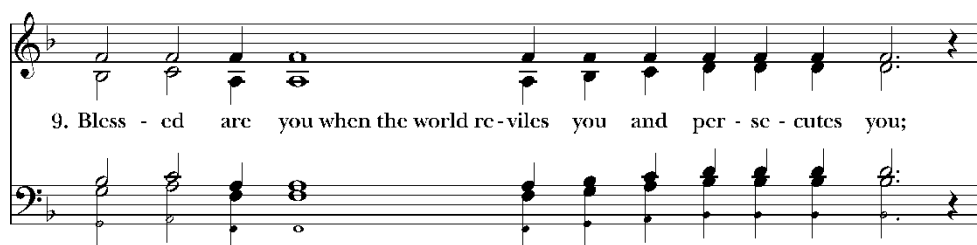
for they shall be called the chil - dren of God.



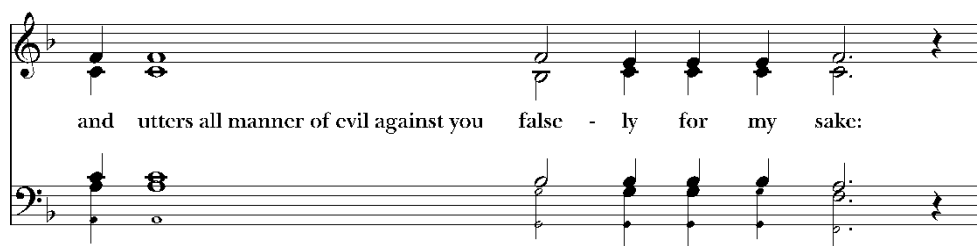
8. Bless - ed are those who are perse - cut - ed for right - cous - ness' sake;



for theirs is the kingdom of hea - ven.



9. Bless - ed are you when the world re - viles you and per - se - cutes you;



and utters all manner of evil against you false - ly for my sake:



Re-joice and be ex-ceed-ing glad; for great is your reward in hea - ven.

Antiphon



Re-mem - ber your ser - vants, Lord, when you come in your kingly pow - er.

The second bass part is optional.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER **All stand, as able.**Celebrant* Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING *

Celebrant May we be real, like the elements. May we be true, like the fire. May we be free, like the wind. May the love that is within us flow, like water. And may we not forget the fifth element, the flowers. Dear God, bless us to be a fragrance in all our relationships, in the name of God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. **Amen.**

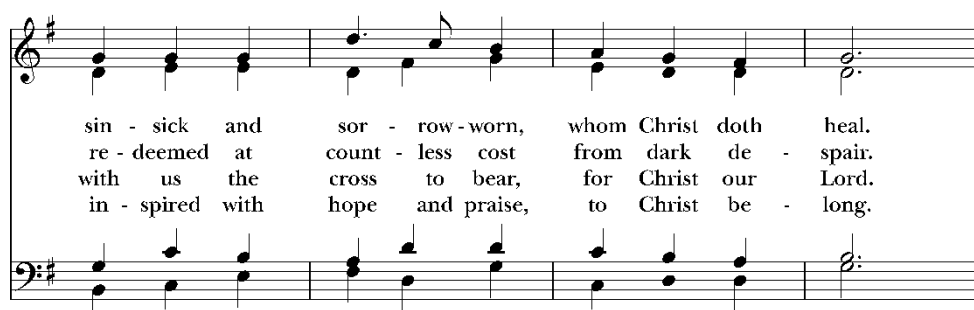
CLOSING HYMN **Christ for the world*

Hymn 537

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886). Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892).

THE DISMISSAL*

Celebrant Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve God and the World. Alleluia.

Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

*This concludes today's service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour.
An elevator is available near the church offices.*

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<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	Linda Chumney		
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Julie Frost & Janet Tarnow		
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Julie Lowery		
Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.			

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St. James Announcements

Sunday, February 16th

In the event of snow or ice on a Sunday, please check your e-mail. In the unlikely event that our Sunday service is canceled, we will send a notification by e-mail.

Coffee Hour Conversations in February: "Dreaming our Future"

On February 16 and 23, we will have conversations during coffee hour about the future of Saint James'. God planted us here for a reason. What might that reason be, how do we live into it, and what gifts can a clergy person bring to work alongside as we live into God's call? These are what we will take two Sundays to work on.

Please Pray for

Peace in the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, Latin America, Africa and the Republic of Congo.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, Ann Arbor St. Aidan's, Michigan Center St. Aidan's and San Pedro, DR St. Stephen's.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, The Church of Bangladesh.

In our St. James community, Elizabeth Kryder-Reid, Sue Gunter; Gia Kullgren; Mary Ellen Walsh, Tom Heider, Clarence Liu, Barb Soffredine, Susan, and Tracy, Duane Nagel and family.

Please pray for the repose of soul for Russ Soffredine.

*Prayer
Requests*

Email prayer requests to the church office or fill out a prayer request form at

<https://forms.gle/RPwNWaUrbzbiTRjY8>

Monthly Socials

Women's Lunch - 3rd Thursday each month
11:30 am at Knight's on Dexter Ave, A2
Next Lunch – **February 20**

Men's Lunch - 4th Friday each month -
11:30 am at Aubrey's on Main in Dexter.
Next Lunch – **February 28**

Bible Study

All are welcome to drop in!

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

At the Mission House.

We would welcome new folks at any gathering.
**Allergy alert - 2 cats in the house.*

Our study of Matthew supplies us with many metaphors for the 2 Kingdoms: the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Mankind. It is very helpful in these troubled times.

Next meeting on **Feb. 19th**

Night Watch

March 15 & 16, 2025

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

A lock-in event for middle and high school students (6th – 12th Grade) in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Throughout our time together we will visit a museum, play games (yes, that means Gaga Ball), explore the Cathedral, and worship together! Registration Fee is \$25.

<https://edomiforms.formstack.com/forms/nightwatch2025>

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