



# SAINT JAMES CHURCH

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

29 November 2020

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where we're about

*Proclaiming the  
Grace of God in  
Jesus Christ*

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### THE WORD OF GOD

#### GREETING

#### The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Officiant: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

#### Songs of Praise Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

#### ON THE COVER:

THE SONE OF MAN: RAINBOWTOKEN.COM

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: STUTTGART, melody from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

## *Ancient of Days*

### Verse

Blessing and honor glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From ev'ry nation all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days

### Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth  
Shall declare Your glory  
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne  
In worship  
You will be exalted O God  
And Your kingdom shall not pass  
away  
O Ancient of Days

### Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign  
Over all the earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare  
To Your matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And with your Spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*"

The **Collect** is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scripture for the day.

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

English Standard Version

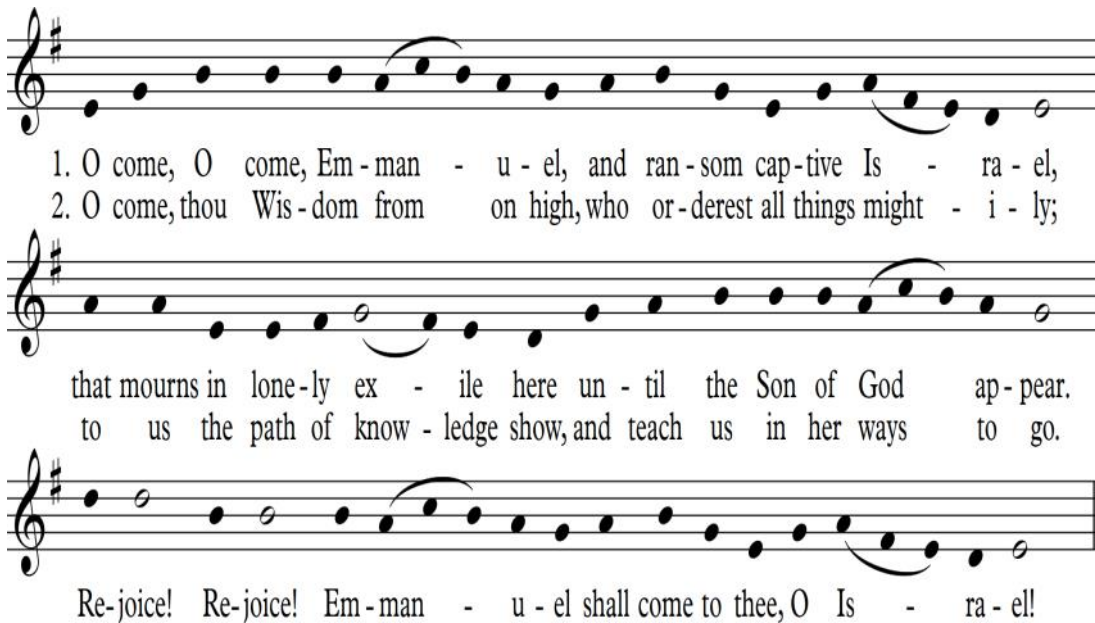
Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence —  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil —  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no  
one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
  
There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities  
But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

*People:*           *Thanks be to God.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a sheep; \*  
show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- <sup>3</sup> Restore us again, O God; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.
- <sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angry with your people that pray?
- <sup>5</sup> You feed them with the bread of tears \*  
and give them plenteous tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup> You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us again, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.

## The Gradual Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*


1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly;

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adpt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus is the Word that became flesh and dwells among us. The word **Gospel** comes from the Old English word *gōdspell*, which means “good news” or “glad tidings.” That word developed from the Latin word *evangelium*, and Greek *evangelion*, which also literally means “good news.” This is the source of the English words “evangelist” and “evangelism.”

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

English Standard Version

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON *(Please be seated)*

The Rev'd Arthur Jenkins

\*See page 23 for Arthur's Sermon Notes

## THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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 **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of the whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “*credo*,” which means “I believe.”

Christians pray. When we worship the living God, we bring before Him our concerns for ourselves and others, for the world, and for the church. We also thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers. At the Offertory, all of our prayers are presented to God along with our tithes and offerings.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(Please kneel)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, [especially in \_\_\_\_].

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, [especially \_\_\_\_].

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

For the peace of Jerusalem; for an end to all terrorism, hatred, and violence.

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, [especially \_\_\_\_].

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially \_\_\_\_], in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy:

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People, together*

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 Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## THE PEACE *(Please stand)*

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

People: *And with your spirit.*

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

We are sinful people. Our catechism teaches us that, “From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices” and that “Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.” Here, in the **Confession**, we admit our wrongdoings and lay our sins at the feet of Jesus on the cross.

Please take a moment to extend God’s **Peace** to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the mediation of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of God and Christ’s redeeming work. The peace is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers.

## The Song of Worship

## The Potter's Hand

### Verse 1

Beautiful Lord wonderful Saviour  
 I know for sure all of my days are  
 Held in Your hand crafted into  
 Your perfect plan

### Verse 2

You gently call me into Your presence  
 Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit  
 Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life  
 Through Your eyes

### Pre-Chorus

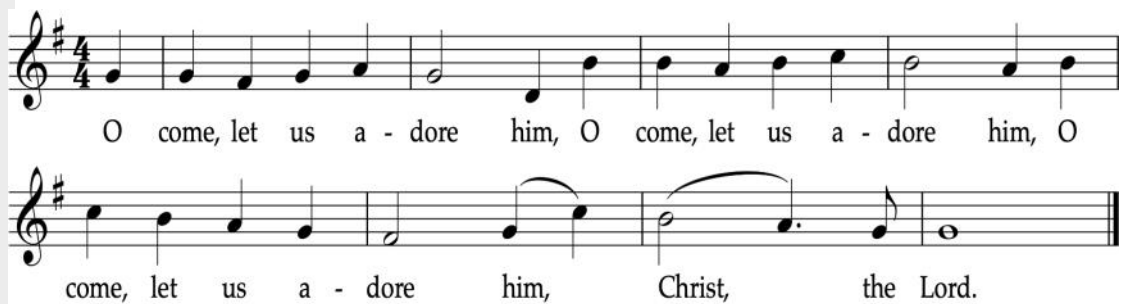
I'm captured by Your holy calling  
 Set me apart I know You're drawing  
 Me to Yourself  
 Lead me Lord I pray

### Chorus

Take me mould me  
 Use me fill me  
 I give my life  
 To the Potter's hand  
 Call me guide me  
 Lead me walk beside me  
 I give my life  
 To the Potter's hand

## PRESENTATION HYMN *(Please stand)*

## ADESTE FIDELES



Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others  
 Music: ADESTE FIDELIS, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Our altar is The Lord's Table and all baptized Christians (baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.

In the Anglican tradition, Communion is received in two kinds: in the Bread and in the Wine. The Bread is offered first and is typically placed in one's open palm. After hearing the words "The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven," the bread is ready to be consumed. A chalice bearer will then offer the Wine. As he or she presents the cup, please gently take hold of the base of the chalice, helping the chalice bearer to guide it toward your lips.

If you or your children are not baptized, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail from the Priest. Simply cross your hands over your chest as you kneel at the rail.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem recorded in Isaiah chapter six.

## THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(Hymnal S130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink and participate in the victory Christ has won for us.

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(Please kneel)*

*The People kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*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, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.*

This **AMEN** is often called the "Great Amen" because it is the apex of our liturgy, the powerful ending to the Eucharist Prayer.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant:*

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.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the fourth century. The link between "our daily bread" and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread is Jesus Christ, truly present in this bread. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly receive our daily bread.

## THE FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The **Prayer of Humble Access** is a very distinctive element of worship in the Anglican Tradition. Assembled in the earliest prayer books by Thomas Cranmer, it includes phrases and concepts from Mark 7:28, the Liturgy of St. Basil, a Gregorian collect, John 6:56, and some ideas of Thomas Aquinas.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together may say*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Rev. 19:9*

## THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Celebrant and People together may say*

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people of Saint James Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

## FOR THE HOUSE CHURCHES:

The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

## FOR THOSE PRESENT:

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.]

## Communion Anthem     *Light of Your Face*

### Verse

Lord bless me and keep me  
Cause Your face to shine on me  
Lord be gracious  
Lift the light of Your countenance give me peace  
For I live only to see Your face  
So shine on me  
For I live only to see Your face  
So shine on me

### Chorus

Let the light of Your face shine  
down on my heart  
And let me feel it  
Let the light of Your face shine  
down on my heart  
And let me feel it  
Ah yeah let me feel it  
Ah yeah let me feel it

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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Heavenly Father,

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.

As the Eucharistic celebration ends, we are charged to “go forth.” The Holy Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a charge to reach out beyond our own walls to the world around us for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## THE BLESSING

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ.

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## **Song of Response** *(Please stand)*

### **Verse**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace

### **Chorus**

Amen

Amen

Amen

### **Bridge**

May his favor  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

## *The Blessing*

May his presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you  
He is for you

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Deacon: *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

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

## **THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

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**During this week, please pray for these for whom Christ's healing power has been requested:**

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**Remember in prayer those in military service, police, firefighters and first responders:**

Brittany Cook, Sy'Asia Edwards, Brian Harris, Matthew Hickman, Stephen King, Dylan Logsdon, Theron Lord, Bradon Malasky, Jordan Pittman, John Porcher, Jason Richardson, Jon Stevens, Trey Thompson, Brian Volland, Will Woolsey,

**Pray for those in authority.          Romans 13:1,          BCP Pg. 657**

*Please call, 795-1623 or email [rmyers@saint-james.org](mailto:rmyers@saint-james.org) with the names of those for whom you would like prayer*

### **New Unique Women's Life Group**

Listening to worship songs while I do my mundane household chores has turned into a powerful time of hearing the Lord's voice. Have you ever had a worship song really speak into your circumstances and bring peace or direction or encouragement? I have felt led to gather other women in a small group setting to share this experience. We will meet every other week and discuss what we hear the Lord saying to us through the lyrics of a worship song which will be sent in an email link. We will also connect it to Scripture. You can listen to it while you are doing your own mundane tasks, or riding in the car, or whatever works for you before we meet. Meeting place and time to be determined but we will follow social distancing and mask requirements. If you are interested in joining this small group or if you have questions, please reach out to me, Meredith Boyer by text/phone at 843-637-0901 or email at [Meredith441@gmail.com](mailto:Meredith441@gmail.com)

### **Today's Servers**

<b>Lay Readers:</b>	T. Hilton, J. Miller
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	J. West, M. Lehman, L. Woods, T. Woods
<b>Acolytes:</b>	
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	T. Dockendorf, J. Cargile, L. Woods, M. Porcher

### **Income as of 11/17/20**

<b><u>November Actual</u></b>	<b><u>November Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Over/Under</u></b>
\$58,475.30	\$68,552.35	\$(10,077.05)
<b><u>YTD Actual</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Over/Under</u></b>
\$710,634.94	\$847,628.56	\$(136,993.62)

## PROTOCOLS FOR RESUMING INDOOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AT SAINT JAMES

We will love our neighbor as our selves by following these protocols to keep each other healthy and safe.

### FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

- Enter by the one front door or the Colonnade door. The back door of the Ministry Center will be locked.
- Masks required inside all buildings.
- There will be hand sanitizer and temperature checks at the table in the Foyer.
- Please proceed directly to your seat.
- Find your distance from non-family members by leaving empty chairs (or spaces in the pews) between you.
- Practice safe distancing between family units and individuals for seating and receiving communion. (6 feet apart).
- No physical contact (handshakes, hugs, etc....)
- No passing of the offering plate.
- Please place your offering in the plate at the head of the aisle when receiving communion.
- Communion in one kind (bread only), received in the hand.
- Require social distancing when dismissing the congregation.
- Those leading worship (celebrant, lay readers, musicians, and singers) may remove their masks to exercise their specific roles if adequate distance from parishioners makes this safe.
- Sick parishioners must stay at home. (100.4 is considered a fever.)

We will continue our Live-Stream online worship offerings so that no one may feel pressured to return to worship before they feel comfortable.

(These Guidelines are approved by our Bishop and Standing Committee) updated 10/8/20

### *Friendship Card*

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Birthdate:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Marital Status:</b>	
Spouse's Name:	Birthdate:	Phone:	Guest Of:	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Email:</b>				
Children's Names & Ages				



# SAINT JAMES CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Build Community.

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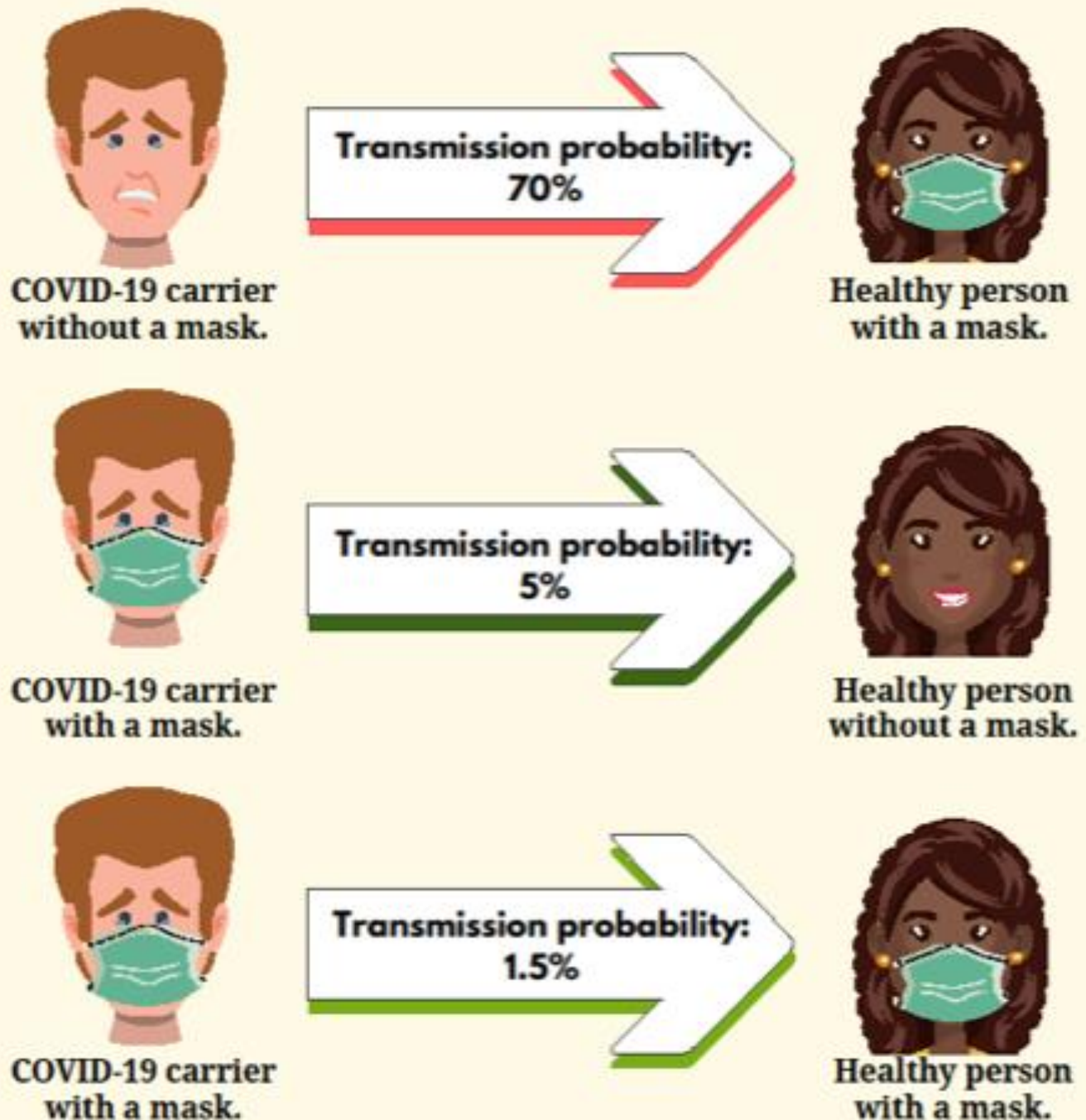
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## *At Large*

Barbara Edlund | *Bishop Gadsden*

# They don't know they're sick.

With an incubation period of up to 14 days, COVID-19 can be spread without knowing.



Jacqueline Vance, RNC, CDONA/LTC, McKnights.com

## *Upcoming Ministry Events*



JOIN US IN THE SAINT JAMES SANCTUARY

FROM 12-12:30

Wednesday, December 2- Chris Walchesky, Organ

Wednesday, December 9- Ann Caldwell, Soprano

Wednesday, December 16- Robert Dickson,  
Baritone; Anna-Parsons Nobles, Soprano

Wednesday, December 23- Joshua Nobles, organ



**Sunday, December 6th**

Evening Prayer

5:00 pm in the Church

**Sunday, December 20th**

Lessons & Carols

10:30am in the Church

**Thursday, December 24th**

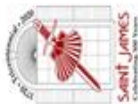
Christmas Eve Family Service

4pm in the Ministry Center

**Thursday, December 24th**

Christmas Eve Service

7pm in the Church



# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Red indicates events in Traditional Church (CH)</p> <p>* Green indicates events in the Ministry Center (MC)</p> <p>843-795-1623</p> <p>www.saint-james.org</p>	30	1	2 Noon- Advent Recital Chris Walchsky, Organ	3	4	5
<p>6 8 am- Traditional Service(CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Blended Service (MC)</p> <p>5 pm- Evening Prayer (CH)</p>	7	8	9 Noon- Advent Recital Ann Caldwell, Soprano	10	<p>Don't forget Thanksgiving Day Service at 10 am.</p>	
<p>13 8 am- Traditional Service (CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Blended Service(MC)</p>	14	15	16 Noon- Advent Recital Robert Dickson, Baritone Anna-Parsons Nobles, Soprano	17	18	19 8am- Noon Men's Ministry Turkey Fry
<p>20 8 am- Lessons and Carols (CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Lessons and Carols (CH)</p>	21	22	23 Noon- Advent Recital Joshua Nobles, Organ	24 4 pm- Christmas Eve Pageant (MC) 7 pm- Christmas Eve Service (CH)	25	26
<p>27 8 am- Traditional Service(CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Blended Service(MC)</p>	28 Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed	1 Church Office Closed	2

## THE TWO ADVENTS OF CHRIST

November 29, 2020

Isaiah 64:1-9a; Psalm 80:1-7; Mark 13:24-37

### THE FIRST COMING

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.  
And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.  
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.  
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."  
Luke 2:8-14 KJV

### THE SECOND COMING

Will we recognize the signs?  
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near."  
Mark 13:28

### WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather

his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven."  
Mark 13:24ff

### MORE SIGNS

The Olivet Discourses

- Matthew chapters 24 & 25...

The Point:

- Fear is not the greatest motivator our Father-in-Heaven uses...  
- Love, Mercy and Grace are...

### THE FIRST ADVENT PREPARES THE WAY

The first Advent of Jesus prepares us for the Second.

### PREPARED? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."  
John 15:15

The Gathering Prayer for Sunday, November 29th;

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*"

Arthur  
Revelation 19:11-16

