



Worship Plan for December 11, 2022
The Third Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10:30 am

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Welcome to St. James. We are glad you are here. If you would like more information about St. James, please speak to an usher or fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. Childcare is available in the nursery downstairs from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Recording in progress. See last page for details.

*People are in prayer. Please maintain silence in the sanctuary.
We really appreciate your putting mobile devices on silence or vibrate.*

The Word of God

PRELUDE

My Soul Magnifies the Lord, J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
People Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
Celebrant Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:
People O Lord God of hosts.
Celebrant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
Celebrant Show us your mercy, O Lord:
People And grant us your salvation.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

76 On Jordan's Bank

If you are unable to stand for any portion of the service where standing or kneeling is expected or invited, please feel free to remain seated.

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.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

Hymn # S-277

The following is sung, all standing

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,*

*we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you
Celebrant Let us pray

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The people sit.

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

429 I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from the first book of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People: Thanks be to God

Silence may follow

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#56 VS 5 AND 6

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON:

Dr. Kathleen Jackson

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

BCP p.387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions. Please pray for these members with ongoing concerns silently:

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 360

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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

BCP p. 360

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on your children who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RECTOR SEARCH

*Almighty God, giver of every gift we receive:
look graciously on your Church, and guide those who shall discern
whom God is calling to be rector for St. James parish.*

Grace us with patience, trust, and hope through the interim times of doubt and uncertainty. We pray that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us to continue, improve, expand, and reach out with our ministries to all whom we can touch; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP p. 376

The Celebrant chooses the sentence from BCP

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Joys Seven, Haig Mardirosian

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 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 him thanks and praise

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

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 Hymn S-124

Celebrant and People

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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People and Celebrant recite The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*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 Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God: you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God: you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us

Lamb of God: you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

Celebrant and People

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ;
I proclaim your resurrection;
I await your coming in glory.
If I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your Grace, Lord Jesus;
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

DISTRIBUTION

BCP p. 365

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

If you would like a Gluten-Free host, cross your hands with palms down to let the clergy know your preference. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. You can indicate this by crossing your arms on your chest. Our Prayer Partner will meet with anyone who would like private prayers for healing during Holy Communion by the doors of the Parish Hall.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN

**R-129 Sing My Soul
R-130 Tell Out My Soul**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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

BCP p. 366

The Priest blesses the people

Children are invited to join the deacon and celebrant at the back of the sanctuary for the closing prayer and dismissal.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

640 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

PEACE PRAYER

BCP p. 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Magnificat, Ned Rorem

Altar Schedule

Altar Guild-	Tessa Melancon, Lisa Pruitt
Celebrant-	The Rev. Ken Chumbley
Preacher-	Dr. Kathleen Jackson
Gospel	Rev. Suzy Lynch
Eucharistic Minister 1	Chris Dotson
Eucharistic Minister 2	Robert Lanning
1st Reading	Mary Torres
Psalm	--
2nd Reading	Lisa Pruitt
Prayers of the People	Terry Abshire
Acolyte (s)	Charlie Dotson Lisa Pruitt
Usher-	
Greeter-	
Hospitality	Michael Bishop-Jones

Happy Birthday

Shirley Hendricks	12/14
Amanda Lynch	12/15
Sarah Dodson	12/16
Alaina Parmenter	12/19
Mark Alderfer	12/22
Sophia Alderfer	12/23
Dorothy Haratyk	12/23
Betty Jane Thomas	12/24
Lazelle Atkinson	12/29
Victoria Hamilton	12/31

Happy Anniversary

Mark & Becki Alderfer	12/15
Fred & Helen Allen	12/22
Steve & Joyce Haberman	12/26

Prayers for Families This Week

Alderfer, Amigon, Atkinson

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Zelle Atkinson's birthday by Eric and Elaine Atkinson.

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