



Worship Plan for Sunday, November 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

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. Join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship after the service.

*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

Savior of the Nations Come, Dietrich Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

68 Rejoice ! Rejoice, believers

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 Officiant 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 you 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

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Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you
Officiant 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 Lessons

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader A reading from Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

Silence may follow.

GRADUAL: **R-117 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The people sit.

Reader	A Reading from Romans
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You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day

is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE: **#56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,**
 vs. 1 before gospel, vs. 2 after gospel

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

All stand.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

THE SERMON

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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

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All remain standing.

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 you sight.

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

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.

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

Silence

The people may add their own petitions.

The Officiant 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

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The Deacon or Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP p. 360

All stand.

Officiant	The peace of the Lord be always with you
People	And also with you

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Officiant and People

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

Officiant and People

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP p. 376

The Officiant 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 In Night's Dim Shadows Lying, arr. George Guest

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)

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

People and Officiant

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
 on earth as 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,
 forever and ever. Amen.*

INVITATION

BCP p. 364

The Officiant 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.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Officiant and People

*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

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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 - 278 Wait for the Lord
H- 597 O Day of Peace**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant 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

The Officiant blesses the people.

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

PEACE PRAYER

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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

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

POSTLUDE

Sleepers Wake, J.S. Bach

Altar Schedule

Altar Guild	Amie Durbin, Lisa Pruitt
Officiant	The Rev. Suzy Lynch
Preacher	The Rev. Suzy Lynch
Gospel	The Rev. Suzy Lynch
Eucharistic Minister 1	Dr. Brett Durbin
Eucharistic Minister 2	Robert Lanning
1st Reading	Anne Breid
2nd Reading	Sarah Dodson
Prayers of the People	Janis Micklea
Acolyte (s)	Lisa Pruitt
Usher	Terry Abshire
Greeter	Eric Atkinson
Hospitality	Dotti Kaiser
Organist	Dr. Jeremy Chesman

Happy Birthday:

Aubrey Vargas	11/27
Nancy Terry	11/29
Raegan Goebig	11/30
Chris Dodson	12/01

Happy Anniversary

Len & Sandy Duffey	11/27
Jim & Terri Parmenter	11/30

Flowers are given for the glory of God and in celebration for the birthday of Aubrey Vargas-Larimore by Larry and Tammy Larimore

Prayers for Families This Week
Trader, Vargas, Vaughn

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

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When the services of a priest cannot be obtained, the bishop may, at discretion, authorize a deacon to distribute Holy Communion to the congregation from the reserved Sacrament in the following manner:

1. After the Liturgy of the Word (and the receiving of the people's offering), the deacon reverently places the consecrated Sacrament on the Altar, during which time a communion hymn may be sung.
2. The Lord's Prayer is then said, the deacon first saying, "Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ hath (has) taught us."
3. And then, omitting the breaking of the Bread, the deacon proceeds with what follows in the liturgy as far as the end of the postcommunion prayer, and then dismisses the people. If any of the consecrated Bread or Wine remain, apart from any which may be required for the Communion of the sick, or of others who for weighty cause could not be present at the celebration, or for the administration of Communion by a deacon to a congregation when no priest is available, the celebrant or deacon, and other communicants, reverently eat and drink it, either after the Communion of the people or after the Dismissal.
A hymn may be sung before or after the postcommunion prayer.

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