

# Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

## *We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!*

COVID guidelines-- out of love for others we'll continue to err on the side of caution.

- Please wear masks for all indoor church activities, including worship. **Masks are required when in the building for all over age 2** (or those with health restrictions). You may remove your mask briefly while receiving Communion. Clergy and Readers may remove masks when speaking.
- Please greet each other and share your love through verbal or other contact-less expressions.
- Please use the handicap-accessible restroom outside the sanctuary.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament*)

This Worship service will be live-streamed. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please sit in the back left of the Sanctuary (the area closest to the Chapel). Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion. Our videos may be viewed online live or any time: [go.mysjec.com/youtube](https://go.mysjec.com/youtube)



## **10AM Worship with Communion – January 23, 2022**

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany – Celebrating Our Gifts**



### Today's Worship leadership includes...

*Ministers*      Members of the Congregation

*Readers*      1-Dave Dillman  
2-Bob Feller  
3-Mary Green

*Rector (Pastor)*      The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)

*Worship Coordinator*      Tony Karl

**We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!**

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

*Rector (Pastor):* The Rev'd Diane M Murray      *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green  
*Vestrypersons:* Nick Doszkewycz, Richard Hall, & Kim Kaufmann  
*Clerk:* Tony Karl      *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor  
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**All the words you will need are in this bulletin:** Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

**Wi-Fi access:** Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

**Worship/Liturgy Sources:** Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Amma Diane.

**Children:** Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

**Hearing Loop:** Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.



**Please share your prayer requests with us:** All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

**We worship with our bodies:** You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

**Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility:** A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

## Welcome!

*All who are able, please stand.*

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** [Renew #204]

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826. Tune: *NICAEA*, John Bacchus Dykes, 1861.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, 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.

*People* **AMEN!**

♪ **Gloria, Gloria** *May be sung as a round* [Renew #64]

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

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*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his

salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Please be seated.*

## **First Lesson**

*Reader 1* A reading of Nehemiah chapter 8, verses 1 through 10.

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

*Reader 1* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## **Unison Reading**

*Reader 1* Let us read in unison Psalm 19.

*All* **The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows the Lord's handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words**

or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. In the deep has the Lord set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bride out of her chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often I offend? cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## **New Testament**

*Reader 2* A reading of First Corinthians chapter 12, verses 12 through 31.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the

members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader 2* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*All who are able, please stand.*

## **Gospel**

Luke 4. 14-21

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

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

*Celebrant* On Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Amma Diane*

### **Consecrating Our Selves and Our Gifts**

*Celebrant* How hard would it be for you to sell everything you own and then give those proceeds all away? This month as we consecrate our gifts and our selves, we realize that the Lord is not asking us to give it all away. God is asking for a portion—a portion that indicates that yes, we would be willing to give it all away for God, if asked. You are invited to return your pledge cards in person, by mail, or drop them off in the mail slot at the church. May the Holy Trinity bless what you have decided to give back to God so that many more people might come to know the love, forgiveness, grace, and renewing power of God.

*People* **AMEN!**

### **A Litany of Consecration**

*adapted from prayers by Maren C Tirabassi & Ozzie Smith Jr*

*Celebrant* It is God, not the economy, who reminds us of our abundance.

*People* **We have received grace, and grace we give.**

*Celebrant* It is the Bible, not the budget, which calls our church to faithfulness.

*People* **We have received grace, and grace we give.**

*Celebrant* God, who is the source of all resources, inspires creative uses of finances, time, energy, and enthusiasm.

*People* **We have received grace, and grace we give.**

*Celebrant* Bless, O God, all the financial resources that will pass through our hands in the years to come. May our planning be wise, our spending be faithful, our giving be joyful, and our saving offer peace of mind.

*People* **Keep us from waste, worry, and regret; remind us always to be sensitive to the needs of those who have less than we do; let justice and compassion guide our earning, investing, spending, and saving.**

*Celebrant* Everlasting God, our dwelling place in all generations, in the midst of new dimensions, and in the face of changing ways: we bring our gifts and talents before you, in gratitude and hope.

*People* **In every time and every season, we are mindful of all you have entrusted to us, and we ask that we might live our lives as good and trustworthy stewards of your abundance and your joy.**

*Celebrant* Release us from the fear of scarcity and lack. Help us to trust you with all our hearts, to encourage one another, and to build up your reign on

this earth through the ministry of our congregation, of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and of The Episcopal Church.

*People* We pray this day for your blessing upon our gifts, upon our lives, and upon your church: inspire our hearts each day to fearlessly take hold of real life; to give, love, and live abundantly, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever more. **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us sing in celebration of our stewardship of our lives.

*All who are able, please stand.*

## ♪ **Gratefully Offer Talents and Service**

Gratefully offer talents and service, meeting the challenge of this new day.  
Partners in mission, working with vision, strengthen Christ's body in a new way.  
Faithfully serving all of God's children, telling our stories, list'ning to theirs.  
Teaching, upholding, with love enfolding, we help to bear all burdens and cares.  
Joyfully praising, learning, supporting, finding new paths of service and prayer.  
Led by the Spirit, life we inherit, giving God glory now everywhere.

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*All who are able, please stand.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship*

*Reader 3* That we may turn to God for guidance and direction as we strive to serve one another and the Church with the gifts God has entrusted to our care.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That we may learn to more deeply trust God to provide us with all that we need.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That we may learn to see the difference between the simple things we need and the many things we want.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may say "Yes" to what God calls us to do, always remembering that God has done great things for us.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**



*Reader 3* That, through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That we may recognize the many blessings the poor and those in need bring to us, even as we seek to share our blessings with them.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That we may come to more fully realize that everything we have is a gift from God and that we are called to generously share these gifts with all who are in need.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That we may learn to see ourselves as God's beloved children who have been called to work in God's kingdom and spread God's love throughout the world.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That we may find more time to pray, to give thanks for all of God's blessings and ask for guidance in best using the gifts entrusted to our care.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* That as we look upon the world, we may see the unseen, love the unlovable, and bind up the brokenhearted wherever we find them.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* We lift up the prayers of our church family, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud... *The people offer additional prayers at this time.* ...God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask.

*All* **Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.**

*Reader 3* Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives—at home, at work, at school, and everywhere else—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy, and to be fearless. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and give us the fervor to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts of time, talent, and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others, as you our God have reached out to us. We ask these things in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Reader 3* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*You may remain standing or kneel for the confession prayer.*

**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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People** **AMEN!**

*Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please stand at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.*

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

**All** O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

**All** O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

**All** **AMEN!**

## **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.*

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements** *All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

## Offering Our Gifts

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate). We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

*All who are able, please stand.*

♪ **If My People** *You may sing the first part or the echoed part* [Renew #186]

If my people (If my people) **called by my name** (called by my name)  
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek my face.** (and seek my face.)

If my people (If my people) **called by my name** (called by my name)  
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek my face.** (and seek my face.)

I will hear, (I will hear,) I'll forgive, (I'll forgive,)

I will heal, (I will heal,) **will heal their land.** (will heal their land.)

I will hear, (I will hear,) I'll forgive, (I'll forgive,)

I will heal, I will heal their land.

**We, your people** (We, your people) **called by your name** (called by your name)  
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek your face.** (and seek your face.)

**We, your people** (We, your people) **called by your name** (called by your name)  
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek your face.** (and seek your face.)

Hear our cry, (Hear our cry,) **Lord, forgive,** (Lord, forgive,)

come and heal, (come and heal,) **come heal our land.** (come heal our land.)

Hear our cry, (Hear our cry,) **Lord, forgive,** (Lord, forgive,)

come and heal, **come and heal our land.**

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## Invitation to Communion

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## Great Thanksgiving

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of  
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,  
all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who  
comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

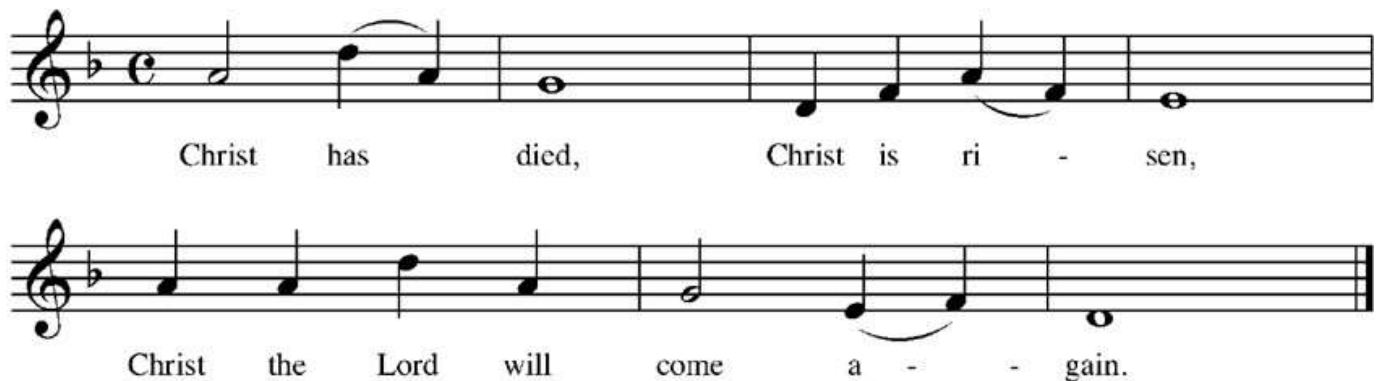
Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

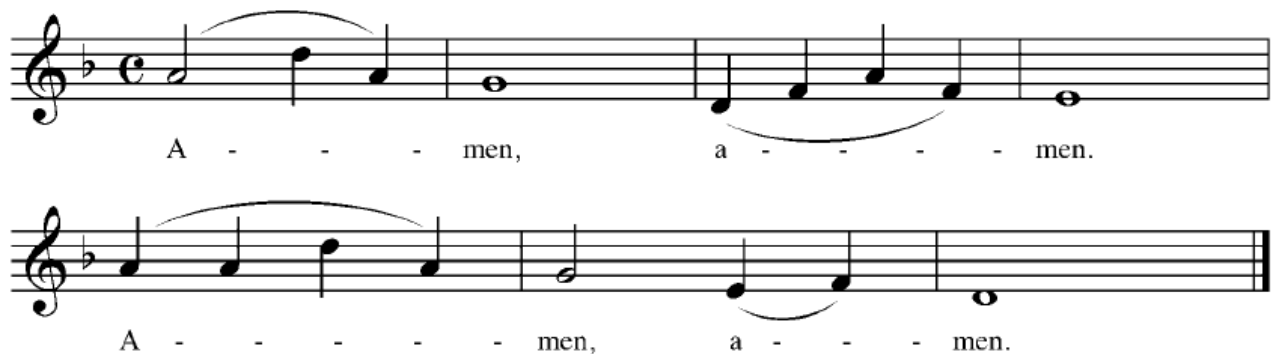
Great is the mystery of faith:



*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*All* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,  
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us  
 from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the  
 power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!

## Breaking Bread

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

## ♪ We Will Take What You Offer

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*Celebrant* 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.

*At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present and give  
 instructions as needed. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

*All who are able, please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

*People* **Alleluia! AMEN!**

*Celebrant* May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

*People* **Alleluia! AMEN!**

*Celebrant* May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

*People* **Alleluia! AMEN!**

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Alleluia! AMEN!**

## ♪ God, We See What You Have Given

God, we see what you have given; signs of grace are everywhere!

All around are gifts from heaven — gifts enough for all to share.

We are stewards of your bounty, called to give as we've received;

And your blessings have been plenty from the day we first believed.

We are stewards of the richness that you send from heav'n above.

For in Christ, you gave up greatness, humbly showing us your love.

In a manger — gift from heaven! On a cross — with love and pain!

You proclaimed we are forgiven; now you send us in your name.

We are stewards of your welcome that you showed through Christ the Son.

In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.

To the outcast and the stranger, he showed hospitality!

By your Spirit, may we also give the welcome we've received.

We are stewards, sent out sharing, offering you our very best.

Through our serving and our caring may we give as we've been blessed.

God of love, may faithful living be much more than Sunday talk.

Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!

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## Sending

*Celebrant* Go forth bearing the Light of Christ to the world! Alleluia, alleluia!

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

*Thank you for your support! Gifts may be mailed to the church or sent through your bank.*

*There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](https://mySJEC.com/donate).*

*January's special offering supports Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.*

**Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us after worship  
in the lower level Fellowship Hall for casual conversations and sharing  
(due to COVID we are currently not having food/drink).**

## The St James Tree of Life







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## **St James Weekly** for the week starting January 23, 2022

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**COVID precaution: Masks and distancing are  
currently required for all present for all St James  
Episcopal Church indoor group activities. Thanks!**

### **Recurring Schedule**

#### Discussion Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Through March 13 we'll be discussing the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. The author is Stephanie Spellers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation—helping Episcopalians to share the good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. These discussions will help us continue on the conversations we've already been having on Becoming Beloved Community for all. Books are available online, or you may contact Amma Diane for a copy.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

#### Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*):

go.mysjec.com/youtube      go.mysjec.com/facebook

1/23: Celebrating Our Gifts  
1/30: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
2/6: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Join us for a weekly time of conversation after worship in our lower level Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID, we are not having food/drink at this time.

#### Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #  
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#### Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

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#### 2022 Pledges and Capital Campaign

The deliveries we made to every household the week of Dec 12 included a variety of items, including our stewardship letter/report, 2022 pledge cards, and 2022 capital campaign cards. The report includes a celebration of all the ways we've nourished our St James Tree of Life and grown together through 2021. Copies of these materials are on the info table in the back of the church. We invite you to continue to support our shared mission and ministry by making your financial commitment for 2022, as you are able. Our estimated expenses for 2022 are \$119,234. (*See the back page of the stewardship report for a breakdown of our estimated expenses.*)

**Please return your pledge card as soon as possible.**

#### St James Book Group meets 1/26 at 7PM (Zoom)

The St James Book Group will meet via Zoom throughout the winter months. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Books are available through the library, most book stores, and through online retailers, and Kindle and audiobooks are available. As always, even if you have not read the book you are welcome to join in the discussion. If you have technical difficulties contact Amma Diane Murray 920-860-5152.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup

#### **UPDATED!** Annual Meeting 3/6; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday 3/6 (postponed from 1/31 due to COVID surge). At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss goals, review our budget, and hold elections for Wardens, Vestrypersons, Trustees, and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since December 12. The deadline for advance nominations is now February 20.

Nominations received so far include: Senior Warden (1 position)—Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (*for 2nd year*); Junior Warden (1 position)—Mary Green (*for 2nd year*); Vestryperson (2 positions, 2-year term & 3-year term)—none received; Convention Delegates (3 positions)—Mike Laughrin & Sharon Laughrin; Convention Alternates (3 positions). See report/form for complete details.

### A note from the Wardens

Dear St James family: We just experienced wonderful Advent and Christmas seasons. We started with our Advent deliveries and many thanks to all who donated and all who enjoyed eating the cookies and goodies. Preparing the deliveries offered yet another way to share our time and enjoy some fellowship.

The community of St James was alive and well. We had volunteers who decorated the church and bulletin boards and people who shared their Nativity sets. We also extended our Community outreach with our Reverse Advent Calendar, gathering food for Peters Pantry with our weekly donations. Sharing with our wider community is a vital part of our church family

We have had opportunities to worship in person and virtually. In addition to our weekly schedule, we hosted an ecumenical Blue Christmas service and our traditional Christmas Eve worship.

On January 9, we had began something new with a Fellowship gathering combining the women and men of our congregation. We will continue meeting together at 9AM on the second Saturdays. We'll plan to have topical discussions as well as time for chatting and fellowship.

This New Year brings us many opportunities. We'll be getting a slower start than planned due to the pandemic surge. In the interest of safety, our Annual meeting has been postponed until March 6. Until then we will continue our Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday services, Sunday Bible Study, and monthly Book Group.

How we Worship will remain flexible depending on pandemic trends and guidance from health officials and our Diocese. In the meantime, we pray that our St James Family continues to grow in faith and love,

Chris & Mary



### Scrip upcoming order deadlines 2/13 & 3/13

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (2-10%, varies by retailer). The proceeds we receive goes into our Outreach Fund. Retailer list/order forms are available at church. Contact Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

### Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at [mysjec.com/donate](https://mysjec.com/donate). Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of January goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.**

### Prayers for the Week

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Peggy, Chip, Steven, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Walter, Mary, Vicki, Charlie, Grace, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and her family, Jenny, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Paul's family, Greg & Kim, Janet, Mel Ouradnik and family, Cindy Hronek & family, Due Deanna, Geno, Mitch, Matthew Couris.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Mary, Sara, Ethan, Scott.

**Serving in the Military:** Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob.

**Additional Prayers we offer include:** For Peace in our world... for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Saints, Appleton; All Saints Wrenningham Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of England. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all. For our continued safe in person worship, other ministries and groups.

**We offer thanks for:** Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

**We Pray for the Departed:** Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley Ouradnik, Sandra, Randy Hronek.

### Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 1/2 Tammy McVeigh; 1/3 Kevin McVeigh; 1/11 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; 1/15 Jane Robinson; 1/17 Liz Foster; 1/21 Dianne Wilson; 1/23 John Cook; 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin.

**Anniversaries:** *no January anniversaries we know of*  
**If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email ([dianemarie.murray@gmail.com](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)).**