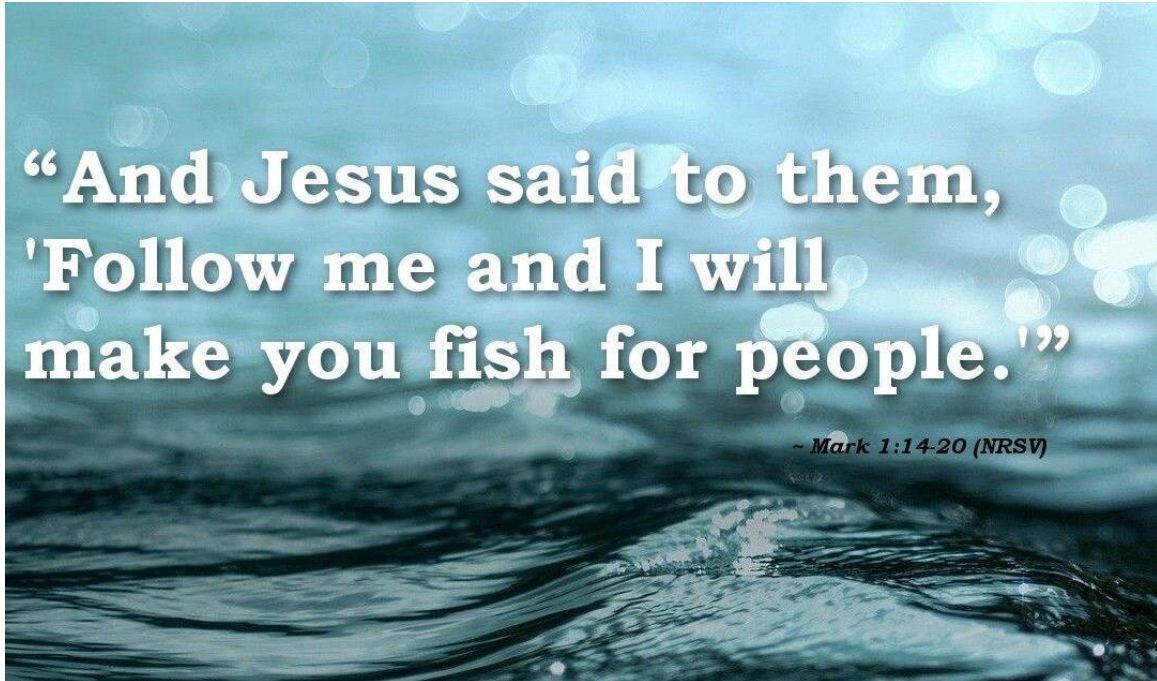


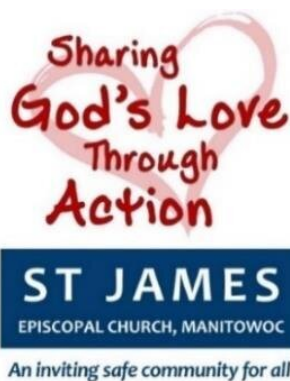
Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

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10AM Worship – January 21, 2024 **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Bob Feller 2 — Chris Eggert-Rosenthal 3 — Eleanor Agnew
<i>Acolyte</i>	Glenn Davidowich
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Green
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Portia Corbin (Mother Portia)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Eleanor Agnew
<i>Counters</i>	Teri Wagner & Stephen Phillips

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):

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Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl

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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.

Communion is celebrated most weeks: 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 appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

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 Tony Karl or Pastor Brian.

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.



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests during the Prayers of the People or at the time for other special prayers, so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. 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 office, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

*Pastor Brian is off today. Our Celebrant today is The Rev'd Portia Corbin.
Mother Portia serves as part-time Vicar at St John's Episcopal Church in New London.*

Welcome! *The Celebrant welcomes the people before the procession.*

Please rise in body or in spirit. It is customary to turn and bow/nod as the procession passes.

♪ **The People Who in Darkness Walked** [Hymnal #126]

The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.

To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.

To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace forevermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counselor, the Mighty God and Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

Text: John Morison, 1781, alt. Tune: *DUNDEE*, Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621.

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** *Sung several times; may be sung as a round* [Renew #64]
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Trad, adapt Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier ©1979 Les Presses de Taizé/GIA Publ. All rights reserved.

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 from Jonah chapter 3, verses 1 through 5 and 10.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth... When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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 62, verses 6 through 14.

All God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in the Lord. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge. Put your trust in the Lord always, O people, pour out your hearts, for God is our refuge. Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted. On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together. Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

The Epistle

Reader 2 A reading from the first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 7, verses 29 through 31. I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel

Mark 1. 14-20

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

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

Celebrant After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon *Mother Portia*

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People

Reader 3 Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

People **God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.**

Reader 3 We pray for the entire Body of Christ, especially for the clergy and people of The Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and St James Episcopal Church.

People **Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

Reader 3 We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

People **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach, and nurture your disciples.**

Reader 3 We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch.

People **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

Reader 3 We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

People **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Reader 3 We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life, and waters around us.

People **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

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

illuminates our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask.

People **Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us.**

Celebrant Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **AMEN!**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.

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 with verbal greetings, handshakes, waving, peace sign, etc.

Special Prayers

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let the Celebrant know.

Celebrant At this time, I invite anybody who has or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward to the rail. I also invite you to come forward if you need prayer for healing, travel, or another need.

The following prayers are said even if nobody present is celebrating. Individual blessings follow.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have or will be celebrating 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 or will be celebrating 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!**

The Celebrant blessings each one present, then offers the following general blessing.

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!**

Prayers are offered for any other needs.

Please be seated.

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

Celebrant Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or use one of the handheld microphones.

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate (or scan the QR code). We're grateful for your financial support.



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

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

Please rise in body or in spirit. The bread and wine are carried to the altar as the music begins.

♪ **Shine, Jesus, Shine**

[Renew #247]

Lord the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness.
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine...

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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.**

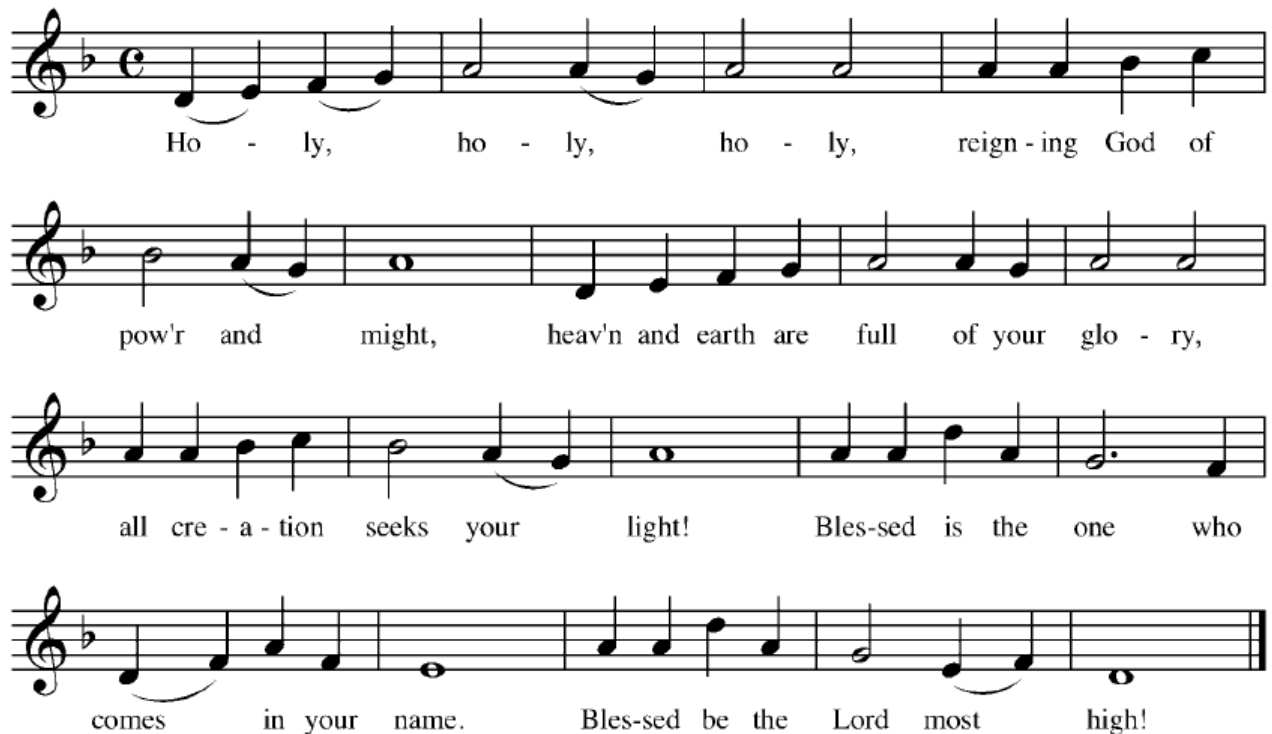
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

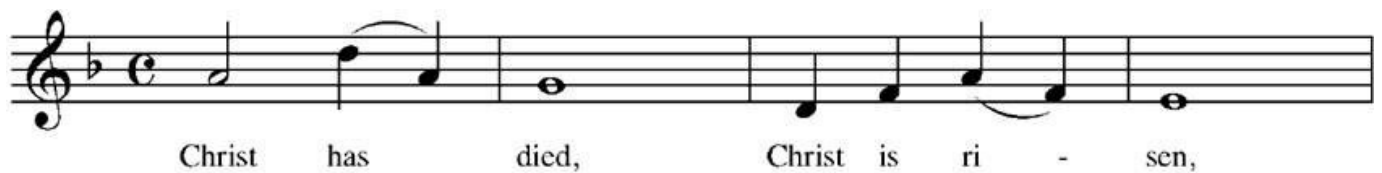
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Celebrant elevates the bread and the sanctus bells are rung.

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."

The Celebrant elevates the cup and the sanctus bells are rung.

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.

Celebrant 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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We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an -
 - oth - er and be fed by you Lord. We will take what you of - fer, we will
 live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord.

The Celebrant elevates the bread and the cup.

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. The words of a prayer of Spiritual Communion appear
 on-screen for those who are participating with us online.

At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present.

*The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup (on the left) or intinct (dip) the
 bread into the bowl on the right. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Post Communion Prayer

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!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

All Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. 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!

It is customary to face the rear in body or in spirit as the Celebrant and others pass by.

♪ **Sons of Thunder, James and John** [*words & music on next page*]

Sending

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs after Worship for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.

Our special offering in the month of January is the Manitowoc Warming Shelter; please label gifts accordingly.

♪ **Sons of Thunder, James and John**



1. Sons of Thun-der, James and John, left their fa-ther fish - ing—
 2. As they heard the things he taught— love of God and neigh-bor—
 3. "Can you drink the cup I drink? Can you take the suf-fering?"
 4. Christ, we love the hon - ored place and the seat of glo - ry.

For they found that they were drawn in - to Je - sus' mis - sion.
 Those am - bi - tious bro - thers thought they would ask a fa - vor.
 Je - sus told them, "Stop and think! This is what I'm of - fering.
 Now, re - mind us, by your grace, of the gos - pel sto - ry:

Christ had strength to calm the sea and to bring great heal - ing;
 So they said, "Give just one thing; let our words here guide you:
 Ty - rants reign o'er oth - er folk, ris - ing to high pla - ces.
 You gave up your life— it's true!— with a love un - swerv - ing.

He taught with au - tho - ri - ty— God's own way re - veal - ing.
 Je - sus, when you reign as king, let us sit be - side you."
 You must bear a ser - vant's yoke if you want true great - ness.
 May all those who fol - low you seek a life of serv - ing.

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Worship concludes with the Sending on the previous page of the bulletin.



An inviting safe community for all

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Recurring Schedule

Discover & Grow Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

We'll be beginning a new topic, to be announced.
Please talk to Chris Eggert-Rosenthal if you have any questions.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
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]

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
1/21—The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
1/28—The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
2/4—The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
2/11—The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
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Who to contact...

Our Transition Pastor (The Rev'd Brian Staude), Wardens (Chris Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green) and Vestrypersons (Nick Doszkewycz & Tony Karl) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James throughout our search process.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Brian (*contact info at top of St James Weekly*).

If you have questions related to worship or music, please contact Worship Coordinator Tony Karl. You can also contact Tony for ordering supplies or office-related needs. If you have info for *St James Weekly*, please get that to Tony (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

For other general questions about the church, please contact Chris (*contact info at top of St James Weekly*).

Dine & Discuss recap: learning about WBDD disability grant and next steps

On Tuesday, January 16, after a delicious potluck feast, those present heard Eleanor Agnew share about the newest initiative of St James.

Armed with a \$5,000 grant from The Wisconsin Bureau for Developmental Disabilities, St James will become a more accessible church for people with disabilities and their families/caregivers so they will feel welcomed and involved.

The primary team working on this consists of Eleanor, Tony Karl, and Pastor Brian Staude from our congregation, along with others from our diocese.

There are several principal areas the team is working on:

- Making St James more accessible. This includes having the building set up for people with disabilities. Though we have an accessible building, we can do a better job in this area.
- Educating the congregation on how to welcome and engage people with disabilities.
- Communicating to the world outside that we are a church who cares about people with disabilities, and we want them to come. We also want to set up a serenity room for people who need it. More information on that in future.
- Giving trainings to other churches about the ADA (American with Disabilities Act) and how to interact and feel comfortable with people with disabilities and their families/caregivers.
- Sponsoring a "happening" sponsored for people with disabilities and their families/caregivers. This may be a picnic or a sensory movie.

After learning this information, those attending the Dine & Discuss split into small groups and worked on the Accessibility Audit for Episcopal Ministries. This audit breaks down areas that need to be looked at to have a truly accessible ministry. When done, the teams presented their findings and talked about what needs to be done.

Thanks to all who participate in our Dine & Discuss. The next one will take place from 6-8PM on Tuesday 2/20.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, or learning more about it, please contact Eleanor Agnew or Pastor Brian.

Ash Wednesday community worship 2/14

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. St James Episcopal Church will be joining with our siblings in faith from various churches to mark this special day. St Paul ELCA (2601 S 10th St) is this year's hosts for the 18th annual Ash Wednesday community worship service on February 14 starting at 6:30PM. Worship will include imposition of ashes, the symbolic reminder of our humanity and mortality: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Annual Meeting 2/18; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 18. At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss our clergy transition, review our budget, and hold elections for 3 Vestryperson positions and 1 Trustee positions. A nomination form and report has been available since January 7. No nominations have been received as of 1/18. Please place completed forms in the box in the back of the church.

Embodying Christ's call to be a welcoming church

As all of us know, the past week has been very, very cold. Beds at the Manitowoc Warming Shelter, housed across the street at First Presbyterian, are filled.

A couple looking for a warm place to go after being turned away at the warming shelter, came into St James looking for some water and warmth. The Dine & Discuss participants were having their dinner and invited the couple to share our food. Those sitting with them found out they had been sleeping in a storage unit, with no heat, and had inadequate clothing for the weather.

Nick Doszkewycz went across the street and was able to obtain clothing from the shelter. After the couple finished dinner and listened to part of the presentation, we wrapped up extra food for them to take with them. Nick took the pair to the police station where they received a voucher for a motel room in Manitowoc. Then Nick drove them to the motel.

This is a wonderful example of not only Christian fellowship but helping those who are in need. That is what Christ calls us to do.

Thanks to Eleanor Agnew for sharing this story. We invite you to share uplifting stories and celebrations with our church family in St James Weekly—contact Tony Karl.

Need rides? Able to give rides?

We'd like to help connect those in our church family who need rides with those who can give rides.

If you need rides to Worship or other church events, occasionally or regularly, please let the Wardens know so they can try to help arrange something.

If you can give rides, please let the Wardens know (it does not commit you to anything). Also mention if you're willing to give rides regularly, once in awhile, to church events only, for other needs, etc. Thanks!

Would you like to help in Worship as a Reader, Acolyte, and/or Eucharistic Minister?

Would you like to be part of our rotation of Readers, Acolytes, and/or Eucharistic Ministers? We're always happy to add new people, and training will be provided. If this is something that interests you, please talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl for more information.

Meals On Wheels

America's seniors are lonely. And, as a nation, we've allowed them to fall into the shadows. Families are living farther away, and neighbors are more strangers than ever before. We all have the power to help change that. Meals On Wheels has been guided by a single goal since the first known U.S. delivery by a small group of Philadelphia citizens in 1954 – to support our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age.

What started as a compassionate idea has grown into one of the largest and most effective social movements in America, currently helping nearly 2.4 million seniors annually in virtually every community in the country. Nearly 7.4 million seniors have incomes below the poverty line. Half of seniors living alone lack the financial resources to pay for basic needs. That's an income of \$240 a week or less, which, after housing, utility, and medical expenses, leaves very little for food.

St James Episcopal Church has been involved with Meals On Wheels for a long time and we are joined by others in the community. About every 5 weeks we go to the Senior Center at about 10:30 and pick up both hot and cold foods, already prepacked, plus milk. We go to Park View Haven next to Piggly Wiggly, Valley View Apartments, Manitou Manor Apartments, and River Hill Apartments, all north of Reed Ave.

We deliver the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable Manitowoc's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. If you are interested in helping with Meals On Wheels, or trying it out, please talk to Eleanor Agnew.

Help needed: parish inventory

We're making plans to complete a new parish inventory. This will include documenting in writing and photo/video the things that we would want replaced in case of disaster. There are templates available for this sort of project so we don't have to re-invent the wheel. Please let the Vestry know if you might be interested in helping with some or all of this inventory project.

Gratitudes: we extend our appreciation to...

- ◆ All who helped un-decorate our church after the Christmas season
- ◆ Our Altar Guild
- ◆ Our Vestry for their dedication and love
- ◆ Barb Cook for sharing her musical gifts
- ◆ Sherry Paszkiewicz for maintaining our prayer list
- ◆ Tony Karl & Teri Wagner for sharing their administrative gifts
- ◆ All who help with fellowship and clean-up
- ◆ All who help financially sustain St James

Barb Cook fundraiser recording—order now

Thanks for your orders—we're preparing them and will be distributing soon. Please continue to add your name to the sign-up if interested.

St James member (and our frequent musician) Barb Cook has donated her considerable musical talent to help produce a recording entitled "*Oasis*". We are making this recording available for a suggested donation of \$10, with all proceeds benefiting the ministry of St James Episcopal Church. We'll be producing USB drives containing MP3s as well as CDs—these will be produced to-order, and we'll get them to purchasers as soon as possible. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of the church to reserve your copy. Songs include: We Gather Together; It Is Well with My Soul; Abide with Me; Great Is Thy Faithfulness; Be Thou My Vision; Nearer My God to Thee; Beautiful Savior; Emmanuel/We Three Kings; Go Tell It On the Mountain; Joy to the World; & Silent Night.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or mailed to/dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. Please contact any member of the Vestry if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of January goes to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter—please label accordingly.**

Vestry Notes

- Please return your 2024 giving estimates/contact information update forms as soon as possible.
- We recently purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which will be installed in our worship space for emergency needs. We will need volunteers trained in the AED. Chris Eggert-Rosenthal will coordinate training for properly using this equipment—please let her know if you're interested.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Are you an instrumentalist or singer who'd like to share music? Voice, piano, guitar, organ, violin, banjo, trumpet, flute, bagpipes, accordion, or any other instrument... we invite you to share your gifts! You can offer a special piece for a one-time occasion, or music on an occasional or regular basis.

Do you play piano, organ, guitar, or another instrument and have an interest in accompanying music on an occasional or regular basis? We invite you to enhance our worship by accompanying one or more songs, or even a full service. Accompanists are welcome for a one-time occasion or to provide music on a more regular basis.

All are welcome to participate in the music ministry at St James Episcopal Church... there are opportunities for any skill level, age, or experience. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like more information, please contact Worship Coordinator Tony Karl.



In our prayers

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Silas, Bonnie T, Bonnie, Marcia, Chip & Janice, Mary G, Shelley R, Brian M, Mike & Sharon L, Nancy J, Richard H, Jenny M, Connie, Leah S, Vicar Rodger Patience, Bart K, Anna, Ruby G, Mark H & family, Mandi M, Lucie M, John C, Gail R, Vicki W & family, Maribeth W, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Barb C, Jane E, Candace G, Marian F, Terry & Mary, Helen C, Ralph S, Roger S, Kara & Anders, Michael, Eric, Katrina, Haidyn, Chris E-R, Mark Mielczarek & Family.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mary, Gaetz Family.

Serving in the Military: Ian, Logan, Marshall, Jacob, Jack.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St Peter's, Ripon, and Holy Apostles Mission District Chivhu, Masvingo, Zimbabwe. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of South India (United). For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For our Rector Search Committee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. 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 violence, 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.

We offer thanks for: Pastor Brian and Barb Staude; our Vestry (Chris, Mary, Nick, Tony, and Linda); other ministry leaders, our paid and volunteer staff; and every person connected to our congregation. In the wider church we pray for our Bishop Matt Gunter, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and their families. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and 2nd Bishop of Masvingo Osiward Mapika.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, James L, Hugh F, Matthew C, John, Charlie, Mike S, Mike Mielczarek and all who have died.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 1/21 Dianne Wilson-Wernecke; 1/23 John Cook; 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin; 2/0 Rick Roubal; 2/14 Candace Groth; 2/20 Mark Hunner; 2/21 Marian Flint; 2/27 Richard Hall; 2/27 Kim Kaufmann.

Anniversaries: 2/14 Tony Karl & Christopher Couris

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Sherry Paszkiewicz or send an email to info@mysjec.com