

Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

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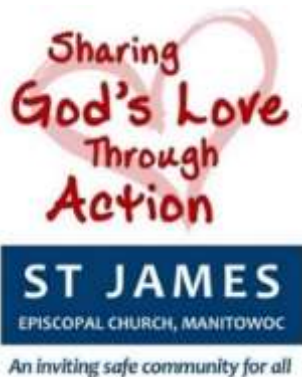
- Please wear masks for all indoor church activities, including worship. **Masks are required when in the building for all over age 2** (or those with health restrictions). You may remove your mask briefly while receiving Communion. Clergy and Readers may remove masks when speaking.
- Please greet each 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



10AM Worship with Communion – February 27, 2022

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



Today's Worship leadership includes...

Ministers Members of the Congregation

Readers 1-Dave Dillman
2-Mike Laughrin
3-Skip Cole

Rector (Pastor) The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Ammu 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

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.

♪ **Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones** [Hymnal #618]

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley, 1906. Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*, 1623.

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!

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. O God, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Exodus chapter 34, verses 29 through 35.

Joseph Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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 99.

All **The Lord reigns; let the people tremble; the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples. Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome; you are the Holy One. "O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before the footstool of God; the Lord is the Holy One. Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among**

those who call upon your name, they called upon you, O Lord, and you answered them. You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them. “O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.” Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship upon the holy hill of God; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of 2nd Corinthians chapter 3, verse 12 through chapter 4, verse 2. Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9. 28-36

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

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

Celebrant Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to

accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon *Amma Diane*

All who are able, please stand.

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 illumines 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.**
- Reader 3* 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!**

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. 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.

♪ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

[Hymnal #460]

Alleluia! sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise; "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *HYFRYDOL*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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.**

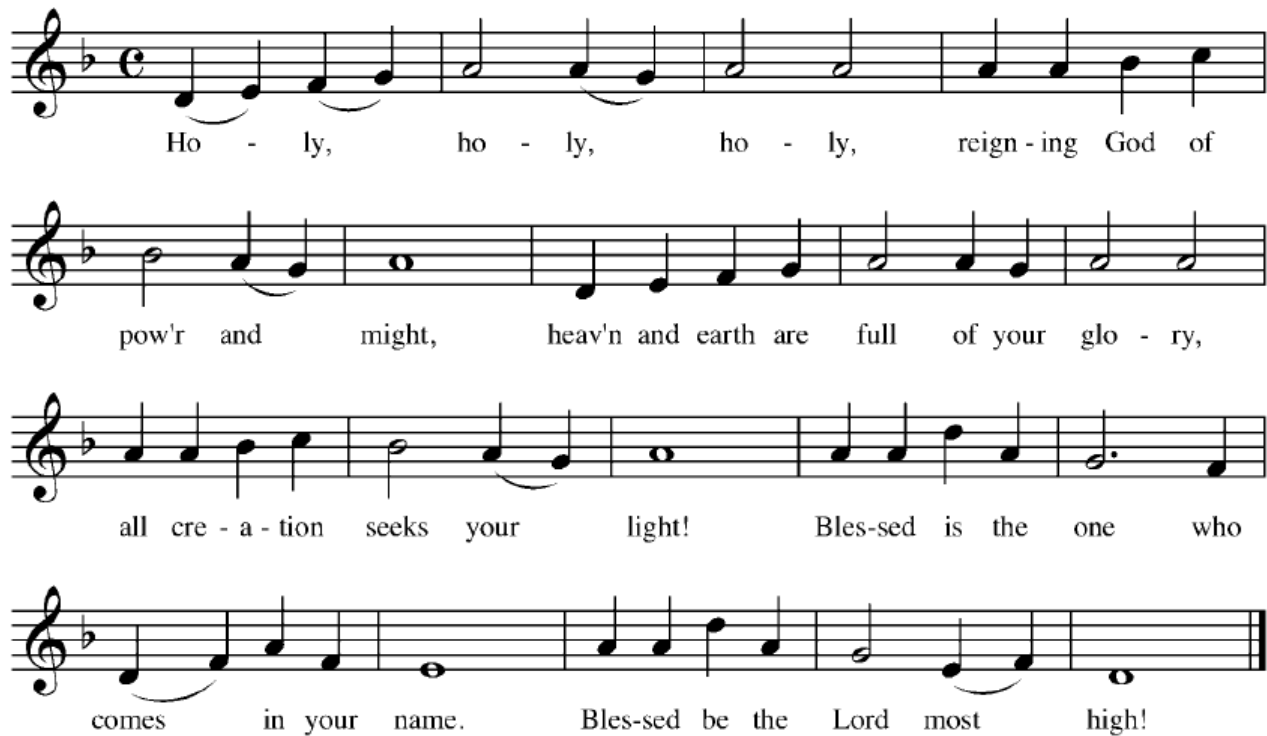
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



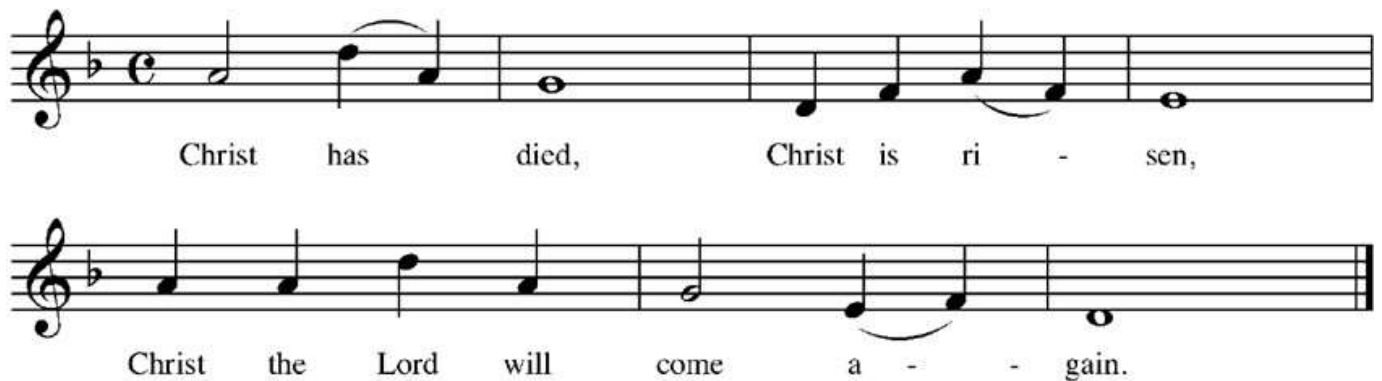
Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

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."

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!

Laying Down Our Alleluias

Celebrant I heard a great voice of many people in heaven saying, "Alleluia: Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power be to the Lord our God." And again they said, "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

People **Alleluia! The Lord does reign! God is clothed with majesty. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Celebrant There is a time to laugh and a time to mourn. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent in this coming week, we bring forth acts that are suitable signs of repentance. We remember that the sacrifices of God are a humble spirit. It is a humble and contrite heart that God does not despise. Until the day when Christ's resurrection is celebrated with joy and gladness, we commit our joyful "Alleluias" to God who gave it. Let us pray.

People **O God, look with favor on us, your people gathered here today. We know that we have sinned against you and others, yet we look to you for mercy. Spare us, as you have spared your people in the past. During this coming season of Lent, help us to re-order our lives so that others can see your presence. We ask this in Christ's name. AMEN!**

Celebrant Happy are the dead who die in the faith of Christ! Henceforth, says the Spirit, they may rest from their labors. So says the church of its "Alleluia". Today it dies until, with Christ, it rises at his glorious resurrection. When he died, he died to sin, once and for all. Living as he lives, Christ lives to God. In the same way, we must regard ourselves as dead to sin and alive to God, in union with Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! AMEN!**

Blessing

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

People **Alleluia! AMEN!**

♪ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

[Hymnal #376]

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day!
 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;
 stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
 well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907. Music: *HYMN TO JOY*, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824.

Sending *(Our last "Alleluias" until we celebrate Christ's resurrection.)*

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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There are also online giving options on our web site at mysjec.com/donate.

February's special offering supports the Rector's discretionary fund—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).**

Ash Wednesday Community Worship 3/2 at 6:30PM, plus Ashes-to-Go option 5-6PM (*no 4PM Worship*)

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. We are this year's hosts for the 16th annual ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship service on March 2 starting at 6:30PM (no 4PM service that day). 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."



Attend in-person at 6:30PM, or participate LIVE or view at any time after on YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook): go.mysjec.com/youtube go.mysjec.com/facebook

For those who can't attend the service, we'll offer Ashes-to-Go from 5-6PM on 8th St in front of First Presbyterian. Those in the Community Dinner pick-up line will be offered ashes, and there will also be an express station by the second FPC parking lot driveway on 8th Street.

3/6: Annual Meeting after 10AM Worship

3/13: Bishop Matt's Visitation



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An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week starting February 27, 2022

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*Please contact Amma Diane with
any pastoral care or other needs.*

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. 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

2/27: Last Sunday after the Epiphany

3/6: The First Sunday in Lent

3/13: The Second Sunday in Lent

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)

NOTE: No 4PM Worship on Ash Wednesday 3/2

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

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

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

Ash Wednesday Community Worship 3/2 at 6:30PM, plus Ashes-to-Go option 5-6PM

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. We are this year's hosts for the 16th annual ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship service on March 2 starting at 6:30PM (*no 4PM service that day*). 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."



Attend in-person at 6:30PM, or participate LIVE or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*):

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

For those who can't attend the service, we'll offer Ashes-to-Go from 5-6PM on 8th St in front of First Presbyterian. Those in the Community Dinner pick-up line will be offered ashes, and there will also be an express station by the second FPC parking lot driveway on 8th Street.

UPDATED! Annual Meeting 3/6 after Worship

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday 3/6. We'll review and celebrate our progress, review our budget, and hold elections. We will stay in the Sanctuary and start as quickly as possible. We will not have food, and our goal is to be done in 30-60 minutes. Members can vote, but anybody may attend and participate in the meeting.

We have one nominee for every position needed. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting. Nominations received include: **Senior Warden** (1 position)—Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (*for 2nd year*); **Junior Warden** (1 position)—Mary Green (*for 2nd year*); **Vestryperson** (2 positions)—Joan Estes (*3-year term*) & Tony Karl (*2-year term*); **Convention Delegate** (3 positions)—Mary Green, Mike Laughrin, & Sharon Laughrin; **Convention Alternate** (3 positions)—Eleanor Agnew, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, & Ron Hansen.

(NOTE: Tony Karl can continue to serve as Clerk if elected a Vestryperson. Tony accepted this nomination because others weren't received. If anybody else would like to be nominated, he will be happy to withdraw.)

NEW! Save the Date: Eucharistic Festival 5/13-14

The Diocese of Fond du Lac's 2022 Eucharistic Festival will be held Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14.

Friday offers Evensong at the Cathedral of St Paul, Fond du Lac, and a banquet, with speaker, at the Hotel Retlaw in downtown Fond du Lac. Overnight accommodations are available at the Retlaw for those desiring to stay overnight.

Saturday includes the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral at 11AM, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Bishop's Picnic, and Cathedral tours.

All are invited to attend any or all of the Festival activities. A link for reservations for the Friday Banquet will be available in February.

The Homilist and Banquet Speaker will be Dr Elizabeth (Liza) Anderson, a Resident Scholar at the Collegeville Institute, Collegeville, MN. A graduate of Swarthmore College with a Bachelor of Arts in religion and peace studies, she earned a master's degree from Trinity



College Dublin in ecumenical studies, graduated from Harvard Divinity School, and completed her PhD in religious studies at Yale University. Liza's research focuses primarily on the languages, literatures and histories of Middle Eastern Christianity and on Muslim-Christian dialogue. She has taught at seminaries in the United States, Ukraine, and

Iraq, and has also studied Arabic and Islamic theology in Yemen, Morocco and Egypt. She has served the Episcopal Church in a variety of roles, including the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the General Board of Examining Chaplains, the Liberian Covenant Committee, and on the churchwide Executive Council. She is the Vice President of the North American Academy of Ecumenists and has been an active member of Religions for Peace USA, the North American Interfaith Network, and Christian Churches Together in the USA.

Vestry Notes

- ◆ Save the date: Bishop Matt Gunter will be visiting St James on Sunday, March 13.
- ◆ Save the date: A Celebration of New Ministry will be held at 6:30PM on Wednesday, April 27 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Waupun. Fr Jerry Molitor, who spent a year working with St James prior to ordination, has been serving as Vicar at Holy Trinity since he was ordained. All are invited!
- ◆ The remainder of lighting above the pews has been replaced with LED bulbs.



UPDATED! 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, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and her family, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Geno, Mitch, Matthew.

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 Ukraine, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James, Mosinee, and Holy Cross Mission District Manyene, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. 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.

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

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/27 Richard Hall; 2/27 Kim Kaufmann; 2/28 Levi Short; 3/5 Dave Dillman; 3/6 ZaiVieon Vice Oropeza; 3/7 Cindy Hronek; 3/15 Ellen Feller

Anniversaries: 3/28 Cindy & Dave Dillman

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).



Diocese of Milwaukee 1847



Diocese of Fond du Lac 1875



Diocese of Eau Claire 1928

February 16, 2022

To the Members of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We hope most of you have heard by now that the three Episcopal dioceses of Wisconsin have entered conversation about the possibility of returning to our roots and reuniting back into one diocese. In the 21st century, the church faces a changing landscape; our society is becoming increasingly secular and commitment to the church is no longer a given.

One way or another, the church must adapt to better engage the world with the resurrection hope we have in Jesus Christ. What worked in one generation will not automatically work as well in this one and generations to come. Jesus is the same from generation to generation, but how we are organized to faithfully bear witness to the kingdom of God he proclaimed and how we worship the triune God might well change.

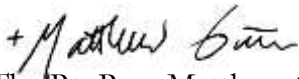
At the end of 2020, the Rt. Rev. Jay Lambert of the Diocese of Eau Claire and the Rt. Rev. Steven Miller of the Diocese of Milwaukee both retired, which resulted in two of the three dioceses of Wisconsin being without bishops. That presented what seems like an opportunity to explore the future of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. Indeed, we believe the opportunity is providential. Might the Holy Spirit be inviting us to look afresh at being the church in our time? How might our combined assets – financial and human resources – be used to support each of our existing congregations and encourage the beginning of new congregations or communities that might look more or less like church as we know it? Or perhaps even communities of faith that look quite different from the church as we know it today? How might we be better public witnesses and agents of hope in Wisconsin? The time is right to look at these and other questions.

A steering committee has been formed as well as several task forces have been appointed to explore different aspects of a possible reunion. The task forces will be addressing many of the practical aspects of reunion, such as addressing the constitutions and canons, working through all the financial details, and the culture and mission of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. Each of those task forces will be soliciting input and participation from members of each diocese.

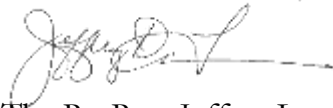
We will continue to update members of the diocese with information about the process and opportunities for you to participate in this discernment. We are currently building a website hub for you to learn more about and engage in the process. We will share that with you soon.

We urge you to be engaged and participate in this process of discernment. Most especially, we encourage you to pray. Steeping our discernment in prayer will better enable us to hear what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be.

Faithfully in Christ,

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The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter
Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac
Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Eau Claire

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery Lee".

The Rt. Rev. Jeffery Lee
Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Milwaukee