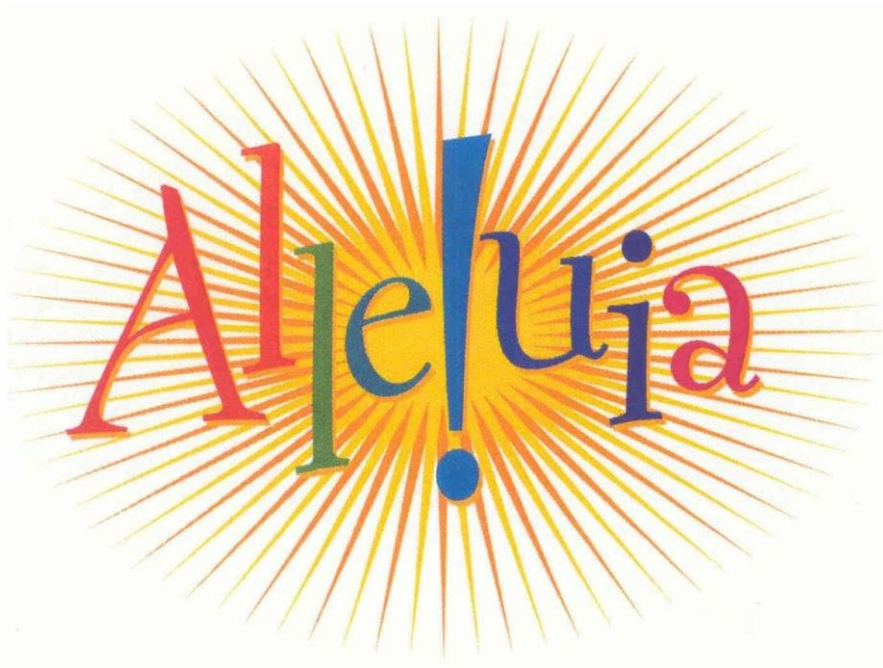


Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

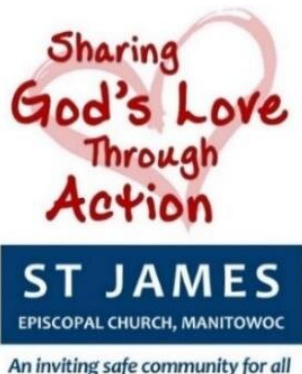
- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is 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.*)

This Worship service will be live streamed on YouTube. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please let Tony Karl or an usher know so we may accommodate you. Our current and previous videos may be viewed online live or any time after : go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – February 19, 2023

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 —Dave Dillman; 2 —Sherry Paszkiewicz; 3 — Sally Hunner
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Sharon Meany
<i>Acolyte</i>	Glenn Davidowich
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Brian Staude (Pastor Brian)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Glenn Davidowich
<i>Vestry counters/open/close</i>	Joan Estes & Chris Eggert-Rosenthal

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):
Wardens (council leaders): Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green
Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl
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 Tony Karl.

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 office, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The Rev'd Diane M Murray retired on 12/31 after more than 13 years as our pastor. During our transition and search process, we'll arrange a mix of supply (substitute) clergy and also make use of our option for lay-led worship (more prevalent in The Episcopal Church prior to 1980). Our Celebrant today is The Rev'd Brian Staude. Pastor Brian is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Episcopal Church has a "full communion" relationship with the ELCA, which allows us to share clergy.

Welcome! *The Celebrant welcomes the people.*

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** *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. 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 24, verses 12 through 18.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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 is King; let the people tremble; our God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. The LORD is great in Zion; * high above all peoples. Let them confess the holy Name, which is great and awesome; the Lord is the Holy One. "O mighty King, 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 God's footstool; the Lord is the Holy**

One. Moses and Aaron among the priests, and Samuel among those who call upon God's Name, they called upon the LORD, who answered them. The Lord spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept God's testimonies and the decree that was given. "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 the Lord upon the holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Second Peter chapter 1, verses 16 through 21.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand as the Celebrant moves to the center aisle.

Gospel

Matthew 17. 1-9

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

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

Celebrant Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the

cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated as the Celebrant returns to the front.

Sermon *Pastor Brian*

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

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.**

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.

All **AMEN!**

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.

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!**

The Celebrant blessings each one individually, then offers this 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!**

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.*

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. 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.

The bread and wine are carried to the altar as the music begins.

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.

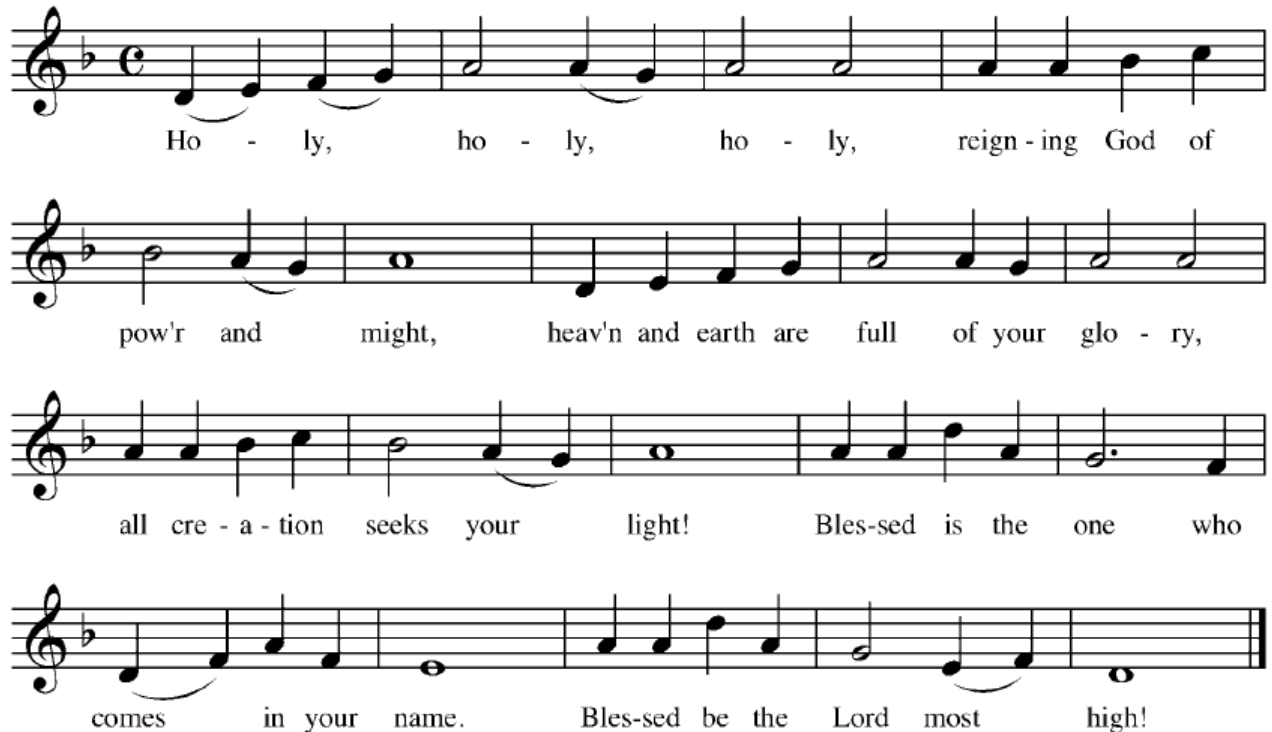
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



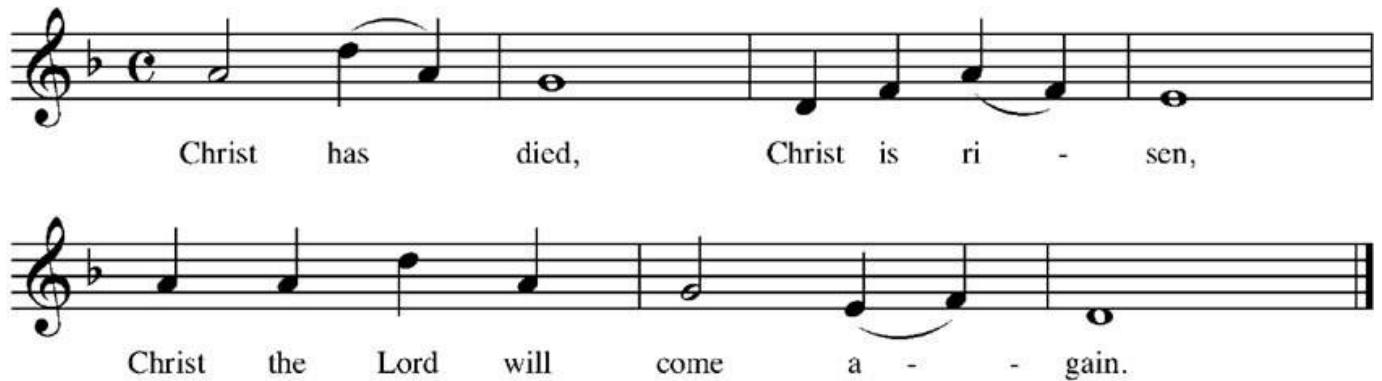
Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

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."

Celebrant 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 -
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 live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord.

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. The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup or dip the bread into the bowl on the right. 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!

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!

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!

♪ **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, 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.

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, 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.

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music, adm Integrity's Hosanna Music.

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!

**Thank you for celebrating with us today! Our Annual Meeting will
take place in the Sanctuary immediately following Worship.**

Our special offering in the month of February is the Rector's Discretionary Fund; please label gifts accordingly.

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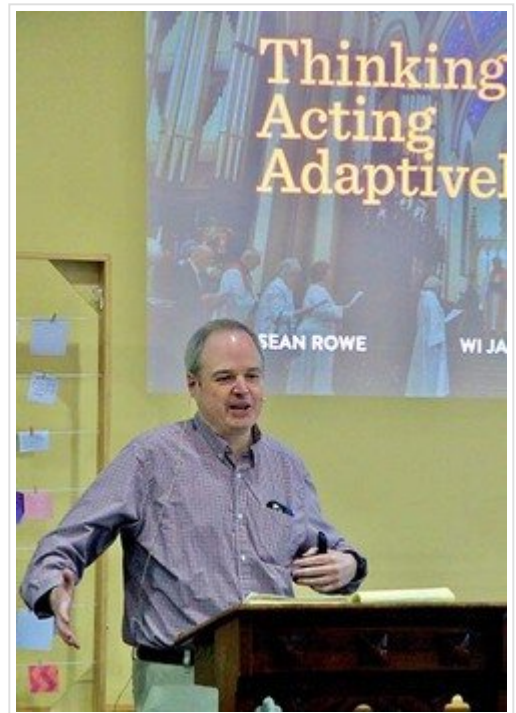
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News brief on Trialogue meeting January 14

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Members of the Trialogue task forces and steering committee gathered for the first time in person Saturday, January 14, in Stevens Point to hear a presentation on adaptive leadership and change by the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York, followed by a round-table discussion on their respective work so far and the challenges and opportunities ahead. Hosting the gathering was the Beloved Community, the joint Episcopal/Lutheran ministry of Episcopal Church of the Intercession and Redeemer Lutheran Church pastored by the Rev. Jane Johnson.

Bishop Rowe noted that exploring the reunification of three dioceses is a major adaptive challenge, one that requires stakeholders—the people of the dioceses—to identify the nature of the challenge and its solution. Adaptive problems, he said, are distinct from technical problems, which are challenges we understand clearly and know how to solve, even if the solution is complicated. Heart surgery, he said, is a technical problem; although it is complicated, a heart surgeon has the required expertise. But discerning the role of the institutional church in the 21st century is adaptive: no expert has the answer, so we have to figure it out together.



Because an adaptive problem has no known solution, it requires developing a process that helps people manage and distribute loss, he said. "With adaptive change, you are asking people to change values, behaviors, and beliefs," he said, "much of which was hard won," and therefore run the risk of sparking resistance. Only by engaging the stakeholders can the church move forward.

"We're going to ask you to give something up for a missional wager," Rowe said, offering a suggestion about

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this vision for our children and grandchildren, for future generations. This is bigger than ourselves.”

In envisioning a reunified diocese, Rowe cautioned against confusing technical problems with adaptive challenges. He offered, as cautionary tales, the Episcopal Church’s major church growth and evangelism initiatives such as the Decade of Evangelism program in the 1990s and the 20/20 initiative in the first two decades of the 2000s. “They were taking adaptive problems and throwing technical solutions at it and then doubling down,” he said. Not surprisingly, little came out of either initiative.

“This is critical mission-focused work that you are taking on,” Rowe told the task force members. “That means exercising leadership that challenges but also listens to stakeholders, leadership that can acknowledge and learn from failure. Not everyone will sign on so success may be measured at no more than 90 percent support.

During the round table discussion, Bishop Rowe emphasized the fluid nature of adaptive change. Not every question will have an answer during this exploration. Some matters may require ongoing discernment after the three dioceses commit to reunification, he noted. “The most important step is to continue to clarify the ‘why,’” he said, encouraging the task force members to view their work as an effort to “create a container where mission can flourish.”

Among the suggestions from task force members during the round-table conversation were more regular sharing of information among the task forces and direct communication to church members about the work being done by the task forces.



Several task force members shared their hopes for the Trialogue in interviews during the lunch break. The Rev. Jane Johnson, a member of the Culture and Mission Task Force, said she hoped that members of the three dioceses recognize the need for adaptive change, “instead of just avoiding it or fearing it,” and realize that we are being given the tools to meet adaptive challenge.

The Rev. Chris Corbin, also of the Culture and Mission Task Force, said he hoped for a reunited Wisconsin diocese “that is committed to common mission, committed to resource sharing, and is committed to thinking about how we can actively work for this ministry of reconciliation that has been entrusted to us as Christians.”

Trust was the focus for Sister Barbara Jean Brown of the Prayer and Discernment Task Force. “My hope,” she said “is that we will really come to trust each other, to trust the process and trust where we feel God is leading us, whether that is to be one diocese of Wisconsin or to remain as three separate dioceses. My personal hope is that we join together.”

“My hope is that everyone is heard,” said the Rev. Julie Hendrix of the Parish and Regional Engagement Task Force, and that “the Holy Spirit leads us on the mission that God would have us do.” She said she also hopes that whatever the outcome is with the October vote on reunification “we will realize that we are still on a journey and that the journey doesn’t end in October.”

Reported by David Skidmore, Communications Task Force



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Recurring Schedule

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

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. We are engaging in a series on the Parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Join us any weeks you are able! We'll have a rotation of facilitators.

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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

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.

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Amma Diane retired 12/31/2022

The Rev'd Diane Murray retired on December 31 after serving as our Rector since 2009. The Wardens and Vestrypersons are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris (*info above*).

We will have a mix of supply clergy and lay-led worship format that we have available in The Episcopal Church.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

If you have any info for St James Weekly, please get that to Tony Karl (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

Please return 2023 Giving Estimates

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates as soon as possible. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

Annual Meeting 2/19; nominations received

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19. At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss our clergy transition, review our budget, and hold elections for Trustees and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since December 11. We received one nominee for each position by the February 5 deadline. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting. Nominations received:

Trustee (2) — Mike Laughrin & Sherry Paszkiewicz (we needed a second due to Hugh Foster's passing).

Delegate (2) - Nick Doszkewycz & Marian Doszkewycz

Alternates (2) - Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen

Dine & Discuss 2/21—please sign up

We gather in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM for our Dine & Discuss series. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. Thanks to all who participated in our January Dine & Discuss with our friends from L.U.V.!

On Tuesday, February 21, we'll gather from 6-8PM for a potluck meal and our topic will be Lent. We'll learn about and share our own stories and memories about this special season of preparation for Easter. Please sign up on the sheet in church. **It is Shrove Tuesday, so pancakes, bacon, sausage, baked goods, and other rich foods are a tradition for the evening before Ash Wednesday.** (If anybody would like to coordinate a more organized meal prep for the evening, please let us know.)

In March we'll be joined again by L.U.V. Let Tony Karl know if you have topic ideas for March, or any other questions about our Dine & Discuss series.

Ash Wednesday community worship 2/22 at 6:30PM

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. First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th, across the street from us) is this year's hosts for the 17th annual ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship service on February 22 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." Mary Green will be representing St James as a Worship Leader, including a Reflection.

NEW! Turkey/Syria earthquake relief

As announced in Sunday Worship, Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is accepting donations for the victims of the recent earthquake. On the web you may give at episcopalrelief.org. There you will see the option to give to this particular need. If you wish to mail a donation, you may do so at Episcopal Relief & Development, 815 Second Ave, New York NY 10017.

NEW! Monthly congregational chat 3/12

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 3/12 for our monthly congregational chat. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. The topics on 3/12 will include: 1) updates about our transition process; 2) 2023 planning and ideas. We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, please send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com or share them with Clerk Tony Karl.**

Help for the Homeless hygiene drive through 3/12

The annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene supply drive runs through March 12 and we can join in the effort. Place personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, and deodorant in the box at church through March 13 (a full list of needs is posted on the box). The donations will be distributed to local programs and shelters which benefit the homeless and others.

Devotional booklets available

The next quarterly issues of the *Forward Day by Day* daily devotional booklets are available in regular and large print size. If you'd like a copy dropped off/mailed please email info@mysjec.com or leave a voicemail at church.

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 February goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly. (We'll continue to build this fund for our next Rector's arrival.)**

Bishop Matt's series of teachings

Our 2022 Diocesan Convention requested our bishop provide a series of teachings on the issue of abortion, including consideration of Episcopal Church General Convention resolutions addressing the issue as they recognize the theological, moral, legal, personal and societal complexity involved. **His third installment is now available at the link below.** Several printed copies are available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary, along with the previous update. Bishop Matt invites feedback. anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Carol & family, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Linda Molitor & Family, Nella, Marty, Liz Foster & Family, Bart K, Jeffrey, Anna, Mark H.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mike & Michelle S.

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

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Holy Apostles, Oneida; Holy Cross Mission District Manyene, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. 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: 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 Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, James Landgraf (father of Linda Molitor), Hugh Foster, and all who have died..

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/10 Rick Roubal, 2/14 Candace Groth, 2/20 Mark Hunner, 2/21 Marian Flint, 2/27 Richard Hall, 2/28 Kim Kaufmann, 2/28 Levi Short; 3/1 Kathy Kucher; 3/5 Dave Dillman; 3/6 Ruby Gunderson; 3/15 Ellen Feller

Anniversaries: 2/14 Tony Karl & Chris Couris; 3/28 Cindy & Dave Dillman

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email (info@mysjec.com) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).