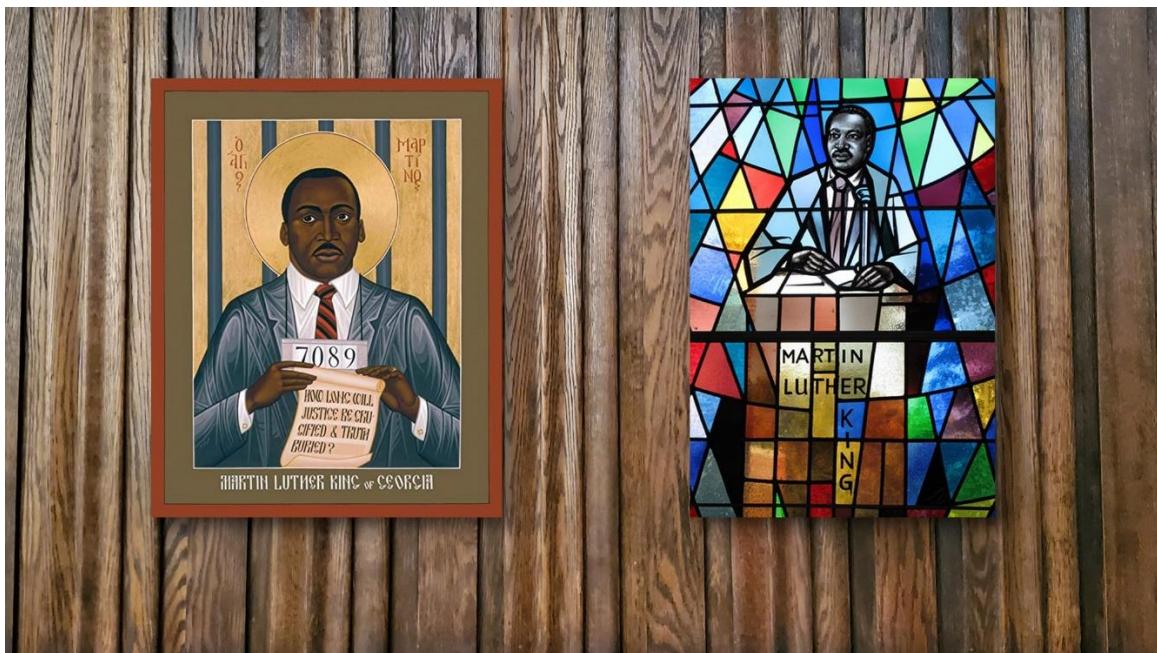


Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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.
- When we are unable to celebrate communion with a priest present, we may participate in spiritual communion (*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.*)

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10AM Worship – January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany / Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr

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Today's Worship leadership includes...

Ministers Members of the Congregation

Readers 1 — Bob Feller
 2 — Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
 3 — Sally Hunner

Worship Coordinator Tony Karl

Vestry counters/open/close Joan Estes & Chris Dee 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 box (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.

The Rev'd Diane M Murray retired on December 31 after more than 13 years as our pastor. As we begin our transition and search process, we will arrange a mix of supply (substitute) clergy when available and also make use of our option for lay-led worship (something more prevalent in The Episcopal Church prior to 1980). Our Wardens and Worship Coordinator are making arrangements with supply clergy, who we'll start to see next week.

Welcome!

Reader 1 Good morning! Welcome to St James Episcopal Church, all of you here in this place and all of you joining us from afar. Today's Worship service will include remembering the life and legacy of The Rev'd Dr Martin Luther King Jr. All the words and song lyrics are included in the bulletin and you can also follow along on screen. Please stand and join as we sing our gathering song.

All who are able, please stand.

J Brightest and Best of the Stars of Morning

[Hymnal #117]

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Music: *MORNING STAR*, James Proctor Harding, 1850-1911.

Gathering

Reader 1 I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49.6b

You may remain standing or kneel.

Reader 1 Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!

Reader 1 Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All AMEN!

Please be seated.

Remembering Martin Luther King Jr

Reader 1 Since 1986, the United States celebrates the birthday of civil rights leader and activist, The Rev'd Dr Martin Luther King Jr on the third Monday of January. Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us pray.

People Gracious God, you create us and love us; you make us to live together in a community. We thank you for Martin Luther King Jr and all your children who have been filled with your vision for our lives and who have worked to bring your vision into reality. Fill us with your vision. Guide us to live by your vision, working to build the beloved community where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, privilege is no more, and all your children know wholeness and well-being. By the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN!

Commissioning for the Ministry of Justice and Reconciliation

Reader 1 Today we will take time to rededicate ourselves to Christian service, especially in the ministry of justice and reconciliation. We've learned that Becoming Beloved Community is an ongoing way of being formed and re-formed by God's love. Our repentance and commissioning are ongoing, as well.

Dear People of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Courageous women and men have taken the risk of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. This work involves risking ourselves for the sake of God's love, moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of social justice and reconciliation.

- Reader 1* Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?
I will, with God's help.
- Reader 1* Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?
I will, with God's help.
- Reader 1* Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, both with whom you agree and disagree?
I will, with God's help.
- Reader 1* Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?
I will, with God's help.
- Reader 1* Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?
I will, with God's help.
- Reader 1* In the name of God and of this Church, we are commissioned to stand up, speak out, and live into the reign of Christ our Savior.
All AMEN!

Invitatory Psalm

Venite, Psalm 95.1-7

- Reader 1* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise,
All And your glory all the day long.
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!
- Reader 1* The Holy One is in our midst:
All O come let us worship. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms. For you are a great God; you are great above all gods. In your hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are yours also. The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
- Reader 1* The Holy One is in our midst:
All O come let us worship.

You may remain seated.

♪ **Gloria, Gloria**

Sung several times; may be sung as a round

[Renew #64]

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

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Unison Reading

Reader 2 Let us read in unison Psalm 40, verses 1 through 12.

All I waited patiently upon the LORD; Who stooped to me and heard my cry. The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; and set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD. Happy are they who trust in the LORD! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you. Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count. In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you); Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'" I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know. Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!

First Lesson

Reader 2 A reading of Isaiah chapter 49, verses 1 through 7.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with

the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Unison Reading

Reader 2 Let us read in unison Canticle J, *A Song of Judith*. *Judith 16.13-16*

All I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being. You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, rocks melt like wax at your presence. But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of 1st Corinthians chapter 1, verses 1 through 9.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual

gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Please remain seated (this is different when using the Morning Prayer liturgy format)

Gospel

Reader 2 A reading of John chapter 1, verses 29 through 42.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Message

Reader 2 At this time we'll hear a sermon The Rev'd Dr Martin Luther King Jr preached at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, on November 17, 1957, on the topic of loving our enemies.

All who are able, please stand.

Apostles' Creed

Reader 2 Let us stand and join in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day Christ rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN!

Please remain standing.

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.

Reader 2 Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

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

♪ God, May Your Justice Roll Down

God, may your justice roll down like the waters you send here,
And may your righteousness flow like a stream without end here!
Praying this prayer, many have struggled and dared,
All for the world you intend here.

Christ, we give thanks for past saints who renewed education,
Freed the oppressed, brought your healing and fought segregation.
Savior and Lord, great were the risks they endured,
Bearing your hope and salvation.

We as your church now remember these stories of others
And pray your Spirit will send us, as your sons and daughters.
Show us the way we, too, can serve you each day
Till justice rolls down like waters.

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Offering Our Prayers

Reader 3 God be with you.

People And also with you.

- Reader 3* Let us 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!
- Reader 3* Help us, O God our Savior;
- All* **Deliver us and forgive our sins.**
- Reader 3* Look upon your congregation;
- All* **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
- Reader 3* Declare your glory among the nations;
- All* **And your wonders among all peoples.**
- Reader 3* Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- All* **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
- Reader 3* Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- All* **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
- Reader 3* Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- All* **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
- Reader 3* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- All* **AMEN!**
- Reader 3* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All* **AMEN!**
- Reader 3* Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.
- People* **AMEN!**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Reader 3 Let us pray.

All Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. 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!

Please be seated.

Invitation

- Reader 3* 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. Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or a handheld microphone.

Special Prayers

- Reader 3* 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!
- Reader 3* 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!
- Reader 3* 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.

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

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **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.

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The General Thanksgiving

Reader 1 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader 1 Let us pray.

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. AMEN!

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Reader 1 Let us pray.

All Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. AMEN!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Reader 1 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!

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us; Sing a song full of the
 wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our
 met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaug - tered; Out from the
 wine of the world, we for - get thee; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gun,
 gloom - y past, Till now we stand at last
 neath thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,

Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Words: James W. Johnson, 1899. Music: ANTHEM, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1900.

Sending

Reader 1 Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Reader 1 Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Passing the Peace

Reader 1 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 take poinsettias home today. 

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.

The African American National Anthem

The hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is often referred to as the 'national anthem for African Americans'. It places emphasis on the history of people of color which includes many triumphs and struggles. This great song is known across the world, but the history behind the song's creation and first performance is often unknown. Therefore, read further and reflect on the meaning of this hymn for people of color.

James Weldon Johnson was born in 1871 in Jacksonville, Florida. He was a poet, lyricist, lawyer, government official, and a lover of the spirituals. He was the first African American to be admitted to the Florida bar in 1897. He and his younger brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), a musician, wrote musical comedies and operas. But their best known composition is "Lift Every Voice and Sing." This song was written as a special tribute to honor almost forty years of freedom for people of color in America. It was first performed by a children's choir as a church program on February 12, 1900.

James Weldon Johnson went on to become United States Consul to Venezuela in 1906 and to Nicaragua in 1909. In 1913, he became the editor of the New York Age. He was also very active in the NAACP. Other writings of Johnson include God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse in 1927. Black Manhattan in 1930, and Negro Spirituals in 1925. Johnson died in 1938. The United States Postal Service issued a 22 cents commemorative stamp (the eleventh in the Black Heritage Series) in his honor in 1988.



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An inviting safe community for all

Recurring Schedule

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

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. In the 12 Sundays before Easter we'll engage 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.

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

1/15 Epiphany 2—Remembering MLK Jr
1/22 Epiphany 3
1/29 Epiphany 4

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)

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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](mailto:info@mysjec.com)).

We are working to arrange supply clergy to fill in, but we will also make use of the lay-led worship format that we have available in The Episcopal Church. We do have some supply lined up starting January 22.

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.

St James Weekly for the week starting January 15, 2022

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For pastoral needs & other church needs

Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (*please leave a voicemail if no answer*) or cno1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

MLK Jr weekend

In today's Worship we'll remember the life and legacy of The Rev'd Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Here's another opportunity this weekend:

January 15 at 5PM Central: Join livestream of 'Power of Love' service on MLK Jr weekend. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will speak at a Sunday "Power of Love" service at Christ the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Leimert Park, California, as part of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles' Martin Luther King Jr observance. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

facebook.com/LADiocese

youtube.com/@EpiscopalDioceseofLosAngeles

Dine & Discuss 1/17—sign up today!

We are bringing back our popular Dine & Discuss monthly series! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. On Tuesday, January 17, 2023, we'll be joined again by our friends from Lakeshore's United Visionaries (L.U.V.). The theme will be privilege and power—we all experience more or less of both as we find ourselves in different settings throughout life. This will be an opportunity to listen to the experiences of others as well as share our own experiences. L.U.V. will be preparing a Pakistani meal for the evening, and we've scheduled Wednesday, January 18 as our snow date.

Book Group 1/25 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting on Wednesday, 1/25 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. January's book is *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. It is the story of the impact the Dust Bowl has on a family in Texas. The reviews have been excellent and it received 4 1/2 stars from Amazon. An excellent read. Books may be checked out from the public library. Contact Joan Estes or Chris Eggert-Rosenthal if you need help getting a book or have other questions. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you can.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup
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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #
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NEW! Vestry Notes

- Our Wardens and Worship Coordinator have been coordinating for supply (substitute) priests during our transition. We are happy to welcome Pastor Brian Staude for the first time on Sunday, January 22.
- The Vestry met this week with Mother Meredyth Albright, the Diocesan Transition Minister, to talk about the next phase in our transition process.
- One next step is the Vestry is prayerfully discerning the formation of the Search Committee for our next Rector. Mthr Meredyth gave us a lot of helpful advice. After January 24 we will begin contacting people to ask if they'll be part of the process.
- After the Search Committee forms, there will be multiple opportunities for congregational input in both survey and chat formats. This will likely begin in late Spring.
- Thank you all for continuing to be part of this journey and for all the things you do, known and unknown.

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 2/19/23; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19, 2023.

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. The deadline for advance nominations is February 5.

Donations for poinsettia display were made by:

- ◆ Ron Hansen—for Myrna
- ◆ Skip & Karleen Cole - for their parents
- ◆ Sharon Meany - for Paul
- ◆ Kim Kaufmann - for Cindy
- ◆ Mary Green - for Robert & Benjamin Green, Sharen, Ed & Keith Kaatz
- ◆ David Haefke - for Pat Haefke
- ◆ Mary Kaufmann - for Emily Kaufmann, Cindy Connolly, Ava Anelons
- ◆ Glenn Davidowich, Tony Karl, & Chris Couris - for Eleanor Sydlo
- ◆ John & Barb Cook
- ◆ Marian Flint - for Bill, parents, brothers
- ◆ Mike & Sharon Laughrin - for departed family
- ◆ Joan Estes - for Adam & Florence Sobieski
- ◆ Glenn Davidowich - for Paul & Mary Davidowich, George & Eleanor Davidowich, Michael & Susannah Kalinak, Helen & George Korba
- ◆ Sandy Olson - for Olson & Maedke family
- ◆ Richard Hall - for Deacon Sam Hall
- ◆ Anonymous



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!

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, Blake H, Vicar Rodger Patience, Hugh, Pat K.

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

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 and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls; Holy Apostles Mission District Chivhu, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the triologue taking place among them. 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, and all who have died.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

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

Anniversaries: none we know of in January

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).