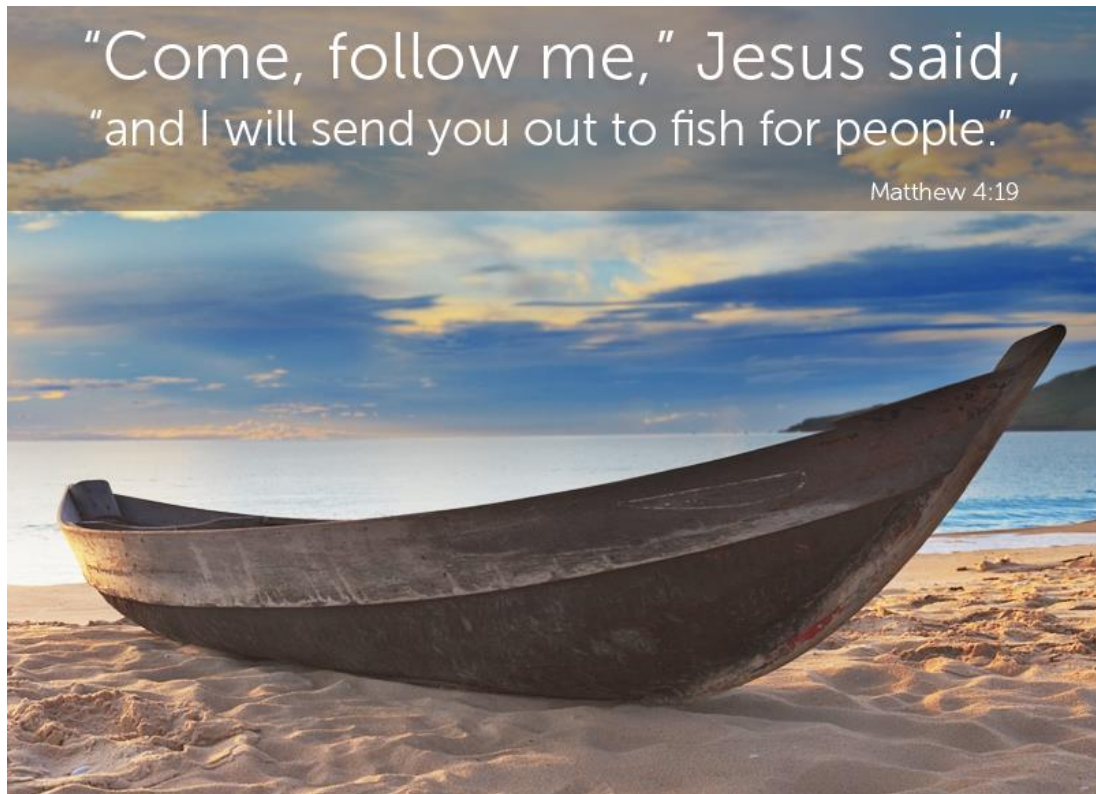


Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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 – January 22, 2023

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



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An inviting safe community for all

Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Dave Dillman; 2 — Sherry Paszkewicz; 3 — Mike Laughrin
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Green
<i>Acolyte</i>	Marian Doszkewycz
<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>	Nick Doszkewycz & Marian Doszkewycz

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 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 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.

♪ **On This Day of Celebration**

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

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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!

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Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Isaiah chapter 9, verses 1 through 4.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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 27 verse 1 and verses 5 through 13.

All **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?**

The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple. For in the day of trouble the Lord shall keep me safe; God shall hide me in the secrecy of the temple and set me high upon a rock. Even now the Lord lifts up my head above my enemies round about me. Therefore I will offer in God's dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD. Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” Your face, LORD, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of First Corinthians chapter 1, verses 10 through 18.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power 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 as the Celebrant moves to the center aisle.

Gospel

Matthew 4. 12-23

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

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

Celebrant When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of

Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

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

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

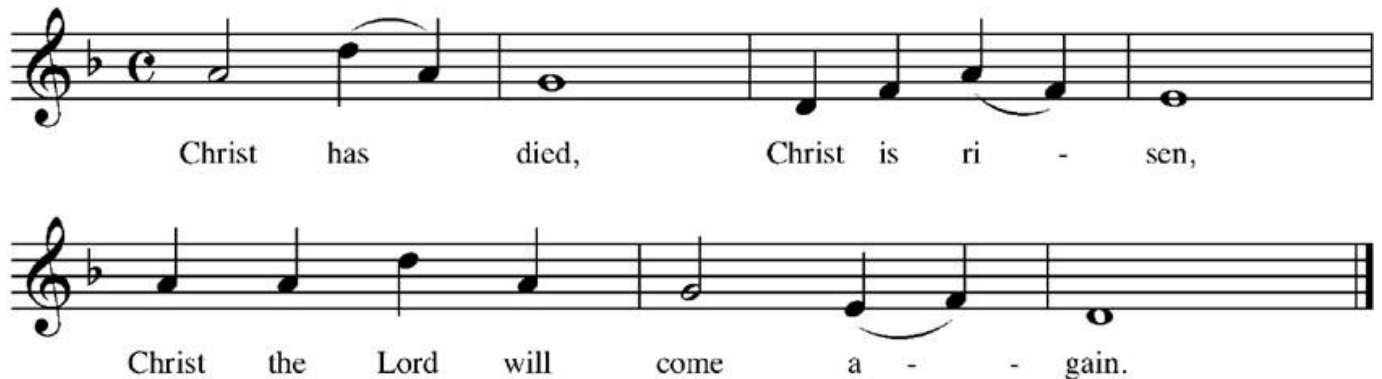
Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:



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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

Breaking Bread

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

♪ We Will Take What You Offer

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

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!

Blessing

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

People Alleluia! AMEN!

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

People Alleluia! AMEN!

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

People Alleluia! AMEN!

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

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ **O Lord, You Call Disciples**

O Lord, you called disciples, proclaiming, "Come and see!"
 And so an invitation began your ministry.
 Then Andrew called his brother, and Peter came to you;
 More men and women followed, and little children, too.
 You met a busy woman out in the noon-day sun.
 You shared God's love, you listened; you told all she had done.
 She called her friends and neighbors and brought them face to face
 With you, the living water, the bearer of God's grace.
 O Christ, your invitation has reached from year to year!
 Through some who heard you calling, a church was founded here.
 As faithful people served you so many years ago,*
 They soon invited others; your church began to grow.
 God, by your Holy Spirit, now send us in your name
 To serve the lost and outcast, the poor for whom you came.
 Through gifts of hope and healing, through loving ministry,
 May we reach out, inviting the world to "Come and see!"

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Sending

Celebrant Go forth bearing the Light of Christ to the world! Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thank you for 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.



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Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (*please leave a voicemail if no answer*) or cnor1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

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.

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

1/22 Epiphany 3
1/29 Epiphany 4
2/5 Epiphany 5

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

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

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

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

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
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Annual Meeting 2/19; nominations open

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. The deadline for advance nominations is February 5.

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 Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of January goes to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter—please label accordingly.**

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!

NEW! **Save the date: 2/9 at Painting Pathways**

Our next St James/Painting Pathways event will take place from 4-6PM on Thursday 2/9. More details soon.

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.
- The Vestry is prayerfully discerning the formation of the Search Committee for our next Rector. Mthr Meredyth gave us a lot of helpful advice. The Vestry will be meeting with Mthr Meredyth again on January 24, after which we'll 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.

NEW! Bishop Matt begins series of teachings

At the 148th Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac held on October 29, 2022, a resolution passed that in part 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.

Bishop Matt Gunter writes: *"Historically, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Tradition more generally, have allowed for more freedom of conscience than some other Christian traditions. That is part of the beauty of our tradition. That does not mean that members of the Episcopal Church are free to believe whatever they want or to simply rely on their own wisdom or prejudices. The Book of Common Prayer and our Constitution and Canons do contain teaching on doctrine and morals. Beyond that, we are committed to testing our thinking and behavior against the teaching of scripture guided by tradition using faithfully formed and informed reason as best we can. We also seek understanding by contemplating and studying creation. Together we seek to have our imaginations and our lives shaped by those sources of our faith. We all affirm the faith as defined in the Book of Common Prayer. Beyond that, as Christians have always done, we will disagree on some things. We will seek to persuade one another in charity and encourage one another to deeper faithfulness. And we will continue to gather to worship the One who weaves us together and together weaves us into the eternal life and love and joy of the Holy Trinity."*

Here is the link to view Bishop Matt's full blog post. Several printed copies will also be available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary.

anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com/2023/01/the-episcopal-churchs-stated-position.html

Bishop Matt invites feedback as the series progresses. His next update is expected at the end of January.

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 F, Pat K, Mary Ann F

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. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac; Holy Trinity Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of North India (United). 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. 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

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 1/21 Dianne Wilson, 1/23 John Cook, 1/25 Skip Cole, 1/28 Sharon Laughrin; 2/10 Rick Roubal, 2/14 Candace Groth, 2/20 Mark Hunner, 2/21 Marian Flint, 2/27 Richard Hall, 2/28 Levi Short

Anniversaries: 2/15 Tony Karl & Chris Couris

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).