

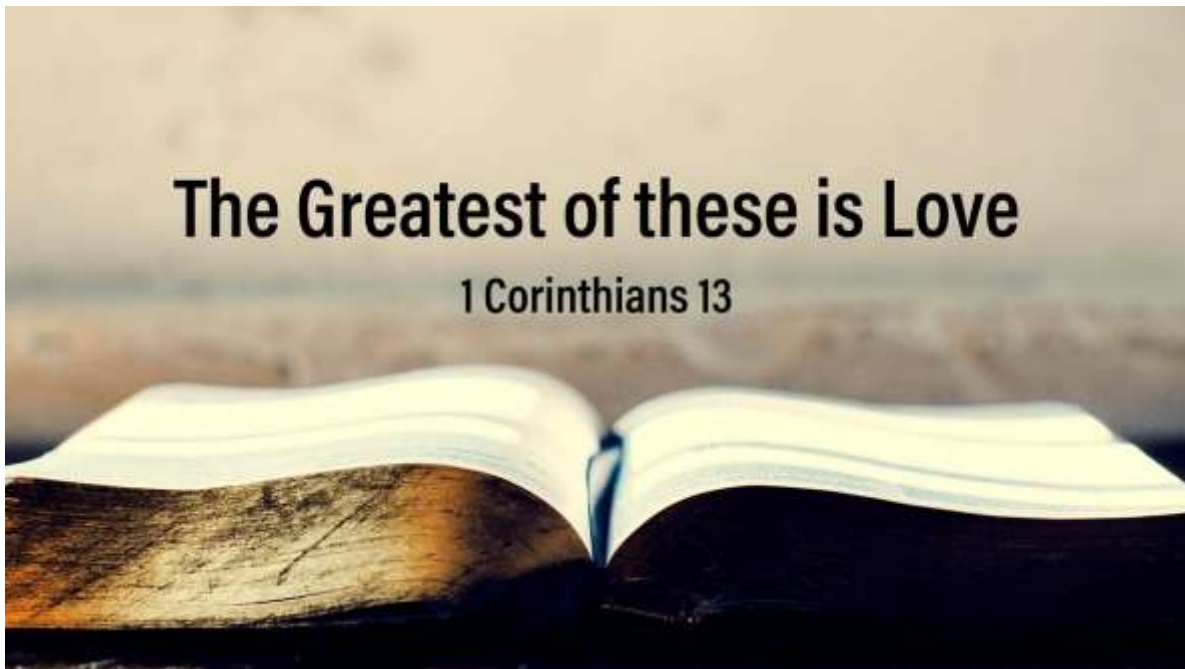
# Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

COVID guidelines-- out of love for others we'll continue to err on the side of caution.

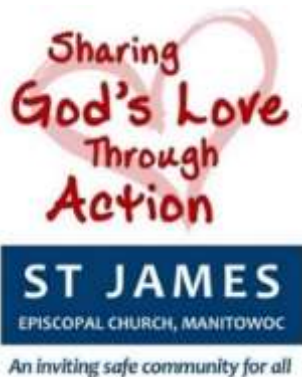
- Please wear masks for all indoor church activities, including worship. **Masks are required when in the building for all over age 2** (or those with health restrictions). You may remove your mask briefly while receiving Communion. Clergy and Readers may remove masks when speaking.
- Please greet each other and share your love through verbal or other contact-less expressions.
- Please use the handicap-accessible restroom outside the sanctuary.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament*)

This Worship service will be live-streamed. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please sit in the back left of the Sanctuary (the area closest to the Chapel). Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion. Our videos may be viewed online live or any time: [go.mysjec.com/youtube](https://go.mysjec.com/youtube)



## 10AM Worship with Communion – January 30, 2022

### The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



#### Today's Worship leadership includes...

*Ministers*      Members of the Congregation

*Readers*      1-Eleanor Agnew  
2-Pat Hanson  
3-Mike Laughrin

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

*Worship Coordinator*      Tony Karl

*Pianist*      Barb Cook

**We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!**

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

*Rector (Pastor):* The Rev'd Diane M Murray      *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green  
*Vestrypersons:* Nick Doszkewycz, Richard Hall, & Kim Kaufmann  
*Clerk:* Tony Karl      *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor  
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**All the words you will need are in this bulletin:** Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

**Wi-Fi access:** Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

**Worship/Liturgy Sources:** Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Amma Diane.

**Children:** Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

**Hearing Loop:** Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.



**Please share your prayer requests with us:** All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

**We worship with our bodies:** You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

**Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility:** A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

## Welcome!

*All who are able, please stand.*

### ♪ **God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger**

God, whose love is always stronger Than our weakness, pride and fear,  
 In your world, we pray and wonder How to be more faithful here.  
 Hate too often grows inside us; Fear rules what the nations do.  
 So we pray, when wars divide us: Give us love, Lord! Make us new!  
 Love is patient, kind and caring, Never arrogant or rude,  
 Never boastful, all things bearing; Love rejoices in the truth.  
 When we're caught up in believing War will make the terror cease,  
 Show us Jesus' way of living; May our strength be in your peace.  
 May our faith in you be nourished; May your churches hear your call.  
 May our lives be filled with courage As we speak your love for all.  
 Now emboldened by your Spirit Who has given us new birth,  
 Give us love, that we may share it Till your love renews the earth!

Words: Based on scripture, ©2003 Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Music: *BEACH SPRING*, from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **AMEN!**

### ♪ **Gloria, Gloria** *May be sung as a round*

**[Renew #64]**

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

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*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Jeremiah chapter 1, verses 4 through 10.

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

*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 71, verses 1 through 6.

*All* In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

## **New Testament**

*Reader 2* A reading of First Corinthians chapter 13, verses 1 through 13.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able, please stand.*

## **Gospel**

Luke 4. 21-30

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

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

*Celebrant* Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Amma Diane*

*All who are able, please stand.*

## **Nicene Creed**

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

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

## **Prayers of the People**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Reader 3* We lift up the prayers of our church family, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud... *The people offer additional prayers at this time.* ...God of radiant light, your love

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.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please stand at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.*

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

*All* **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

*All* **O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

*All* **AMEN!**

## **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.*

*Please be seated.*

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



## Offering Our Gifts

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate). We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

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

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

*All who are able, please stand.*

## ♪ God Bless the Poet's Heart and Hand

God, bless the poet's heart and hand, creating songs of faith and praise;  
Yet may each writer understand our words cannot contain your ways.

God, bless the ones who boldly dare to let the scriptures be their guide;  
Yet may no one of us declare that you are always on our side.

God, bless the ones who teach and learn, who seek the truth by which to live;  
Yet show us: Knowledge cannot earn the love that only you can give.

God bless the ones who daily lead your churches, cities, nations, too;  
Yet may these leaders humbly see their need to serve and follow you.

In Christ we daily live and grow; your Spirit guides us by your grace.

A mirrored image now we know, yet one day we'll see face to face.

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## Invitation to Communion

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

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

## Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

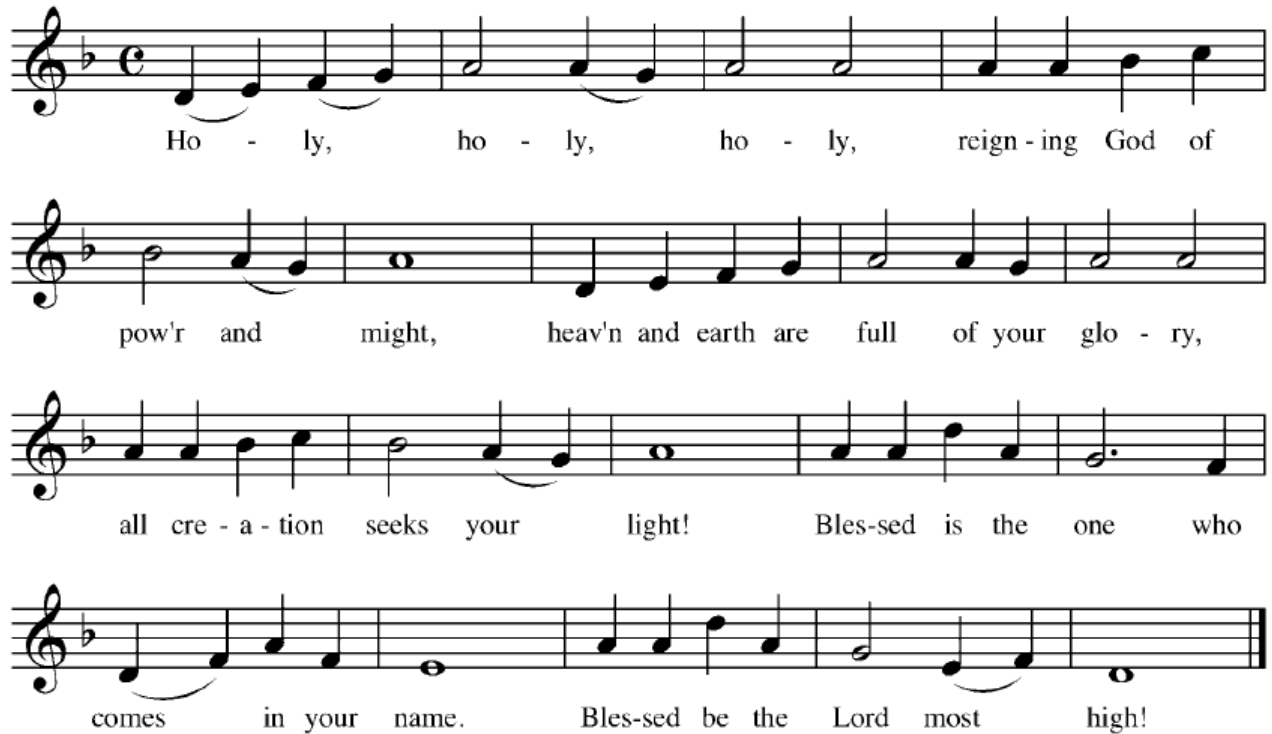
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

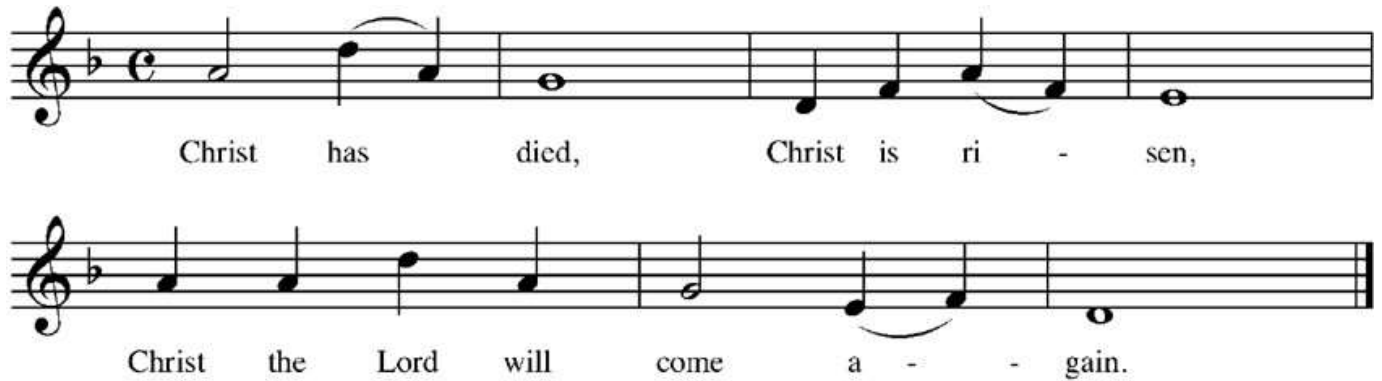


Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

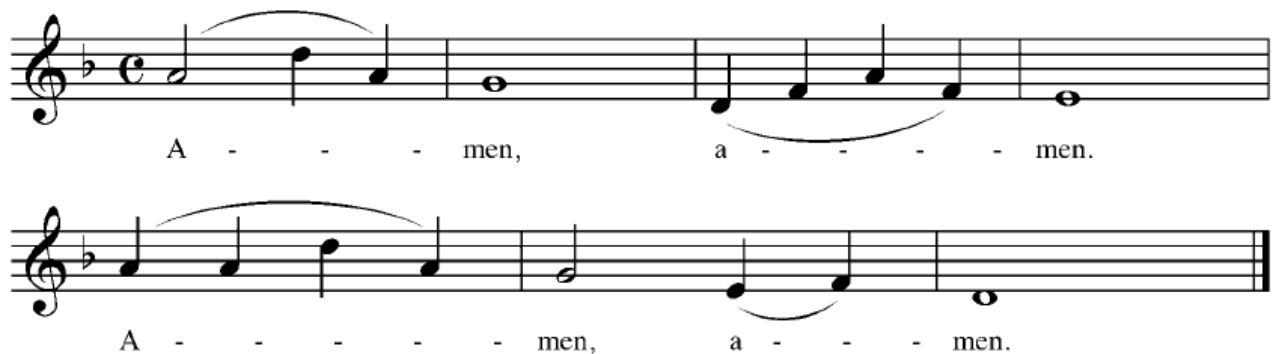
Great is the mystery of faith:



*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. 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!

## 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!**

## ♪ Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Sending**

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

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

*Thank you for your support! Gifts may be mailed to the church or sent through your bank.*

*There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate).*

*January's special offering supports Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.*

**Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us after worship  
in the lower level Fellowship Hall for casual conversations and sharing  
(due to COVID we are currently not having food/drink).**

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## **CORE VALUES OF ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC**

*The Core Values of our congregation help answer the question: Why do we do what we do around here? They express what we stand for, what we're about, and what makes us different from other congregations. Our Core Values express our congregation's unique culture, helping guests and newcomers quickly learn important things about us. They guide our decision making, goal setting, ministry priorities, budgeting, and best use of human and material resources. Our Core Values are deeply held by the congregation and have been demonstrated in actions. They are actual, not aspirational. The Vestry identified and articulated these Core Values through intentional study of the words and actions of our congregation from 2012 to present. Adopted by unanimous vote of the Vestry on 11/14/2019.*

### **WE VALUE ACCEPTANCE & OPEN-MINDEDNESS**

All people need a place where they can feel safe and have a sense of belonging. We value differences, embrace brokenness, and see God in all who we encounter. 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. We offer support, encouragement, and forgiveness to all people.

### **WE VALUE CREATIVITY, FLEXIBILITY, & INNOVATION**

As the world evolves, so do the ways we reach out to people. We learn from the ways Jesus challenged the status quo in encouraging others to love God and neighbor. We expect the unexpected and try to be open and agile in our responses. We are approachable and authentic in our worship, relationships, and ministries. We are all learning and growing, and we believe that leads to change. We seek to use all the unique skills, gifts, and passions God has given us to share.

### **WE VALUE SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

The Good News is that God loves all people, and we joyfully share that message with the world. We are broken people discovering healing together; we love people who are hurting and do what we can to help with physical, emotional, and spiritual pain. We listen for the needs of our community and respond with the resources God has entrusted to our care. We make a difference by serving our community and world.



**ST JAMES**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

## **St James Weekly** **for the week starting January 30, 2022**

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**COVID precaution: Masks and distancing are  
currently required for all present for all St James  
Episcopal Church indoor group activities. Thanks!**

### **Recurring Schedule**

#### Discussion Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Through March 13 we'll be discussing the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. The author is Stephanie Spellers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation—helping Episcopalians to share the good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. These discussions will help us continue on the conversations we've already been having on Becoming Beloved Community for all. Books are available online, or you may contact Amma Diane for a copy.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

#### Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook):

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

1/30: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
2/6: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Join us for a weekly time of conversation after worship in our lower level Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID, we are not having food/drink at this time.

#### Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
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#### Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

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

#### **NEW!** Meals on Wheels volunteers needed— a way we can help share God's love

St James has three Core Values and one of them is "We Value Sharing God's Love". It states, in part, "We listen for the needs of our community and respond with the resources God has entrusted to our care. We make a difference by serving our community and world."

One of the ways we respond to the needs of our community is Meals on Wheels. As we get older, even the most independent among us may experience physical declines or financial hardship that strips away our independence. Add to that an increase in geographic mobility of our families, and the result is millions of seniors left behind, hungry and alone according to Meals on Wheels America. Every weekday, a lunch and dinner is provided to seniors and the disabled who meet criteria. There are exceptions such as excessive snow or a holiday.

What can you do? Join people from St James who deliver meals. Our route generally has 17 people we deliver to. All of them are on the north side of Manitowoc and all of them are in apartment buildings. It takes about 45—60 minutes to deliver. We deliver on weekdays every 5 weeks, which comes out to only 10 weeks per year. You can deliver one day in that week, so that comes out to be only about 10 hours a year. If you've never done this before, you can do it with one of us to try it out.

**Our 2022 scheduled weeks for delivering meals include:**  
**February 28—March 4; April 4—April 8; May 9—May 13; Jun 27—July 1; August 1—August 5; September 6—September 9; October 10—October 14; November 14—November 18; and December 19—December 23.**

If you are interested in helping or have other questions about delivering, please contact Eleanor Agnew (email [agneweleanor@yahoo.com](mailto:agneweleanor@yahoo.com) or call 920-686-1954).

#### 2022 Pledges and Capital Campaign

The deliveries we made to every household the week of Dec 12 included a variety of items, including our stewardship letter/report, 2022 pledge cards, and 2022 capital campaign cards. The report includes a celebration of all the ways we've nourished our St James Tree of Life and grown together through 2021. Copies of these materials are on the info table in the back of the church. We invite you to continue to support our shared mission and ministry by making your financial commitment for 2022, as you are able. Our estimated expenses for 2022 are \$119,234. (See the back page of the stewardship report for a breakdown of our estimated expenses.)

**Please return your pledge card as soon as possible.**



**NEW!** [Vestry Notes](#)

- ♦ Save the date: Bishop Matt Gunter will be visiting St James on Sunday, March 13.
- ♦ Electrical work was recently completed in our Sanctuary. This includes outlets for our wall-mounted cameras and outlets around the perimeter walls for fans/circulation during our warmer months.
- ♦ External and internal lighting is being improved and replaced with long-lasting LED bulbs. This includes lights around our building, near our doors, and in the Sanctuary. There is a new automatic "night light" in our Sanctuary. Lighting above the pews has been partially replaced with LEDs (waiting for more bulbs).
- ♦ Our Media Team is continuing to experiment with lighting options for improved quality during our livestreamed Worship services.



[Prayers for the Week](#)

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Peggy, Chip, Steven, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Walter, Mary, Vicki, Charlie, Grace, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and her family, Jenny, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Paul's family, Greg & Kim, Janet, Mel Ouradnik and family, Cindy Hronek & family, Due Deanna, Geno, Mitch, Matthew Couris.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Mary, Sara, Ethan, Scott.

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

**Additional Prayers we offer include:** For Peace in our world... for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all. For our continued safe in person worship, other ministries and groups.

**We offer thanks for:** Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

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

**UPDATED!** [Milestones](#)

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 2/10 Rick Roubal; 2/14 Annalisa Valli; 2/20 Mark Hunner; 2/21 Marian Flint; 2/27 Richard Hall; 2/27 Kim Kaufmann; 2/28 Levi Short.

**Anniversaries:** 2/14 Tony Karl & Chris Couris.

*If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).*

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[Annual Meeting 3/6; nominations open](#)

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday 3/6 (postponed from 1/31 due to COVID surge). At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss goals, review our budget, and hold elections for Wardens, Vestrypersons, Trustees, and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since December 12. The deadline for advance nominations is now February 20.

Nominations received so far include: Senior Warden (1 position)—Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (*for 2nd year*); Junior Warden (1 position)—Mary Green (*for 2nd year*); Vestryperson (2 positions, 2-year term & 3-year term)—none received; Convention Delegates (3 positions)—Mike Laughrin & Sharon Laughrin; Convention Alternates (3 positions). See report/form for complete details.

[Thanks for your support!](#)

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at [mysjec.com/donate](https://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 Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.**