



# St. James

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# Advent



November 30 – December 21, 2025



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It will be reused throughout the season.*

# HOLY EUCHARIST

*Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. This booklet contains all the responses needed to participate in today's liturgy. People's responses are printed in **bold**. Music will be found in the blue Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). The colored Bulletin insert contains the day's Collect, readings, music, and announcements.*

VOLUNTARY

Bulletin

## THE WORD OF GOD

*A passage of scripture is read for the lighting of the Advent wreath.*

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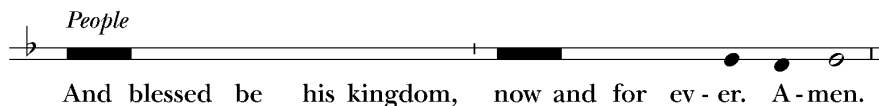
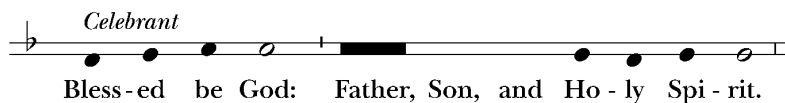
*All stand as they are able and join in singing*

OPENING HYMN

Bulletin

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355



Setting: Ambrosian chant, adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

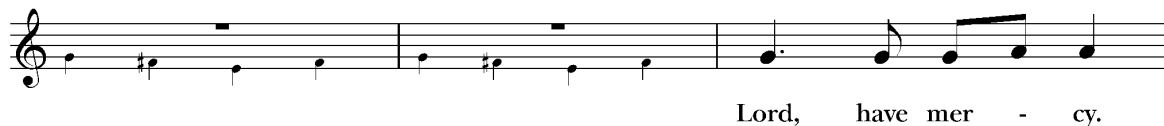
COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Hymnal S-98





Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934 – 1992)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bulletin

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect found in the service bulletin.*

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

BCP 357

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Bulletin

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All remain seated and join in chanting,*

### THE PSALM

Bulletin

### THE SECOND LESSON

Bulletin

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand as they are able and join in singing,*

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Bulletin

*During the hymn, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to follow the banner to children's chapel. They will come back at the Peace.*

## THE GOSPEL

Bulletin

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

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

*Concluding the Gospel, the Celebrant says,*  
*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*All stand as they are able and say together,*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*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: by the power of the Holy  
Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Form I

BCP 383

*Leader* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have  
mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the  
unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For this city of Marietta, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, *(the leader reads from our parish prayer list)* and for those whom we name now, silently or aloud *(pause for names)*, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We offer thanks for all the blessings of this life, *(the leader reads thanksgivings from our parish prayer list)*, and for those things we name now, silently or aloud *(pause for thanksgivings)*, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, *(the leader reads names from our parish prayer list)*, for those we name now silently or aloud *(pause for names)*, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**

#### THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

BCP 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The celebrant pronounces an offertory sentence.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bulletin

*All stand as they are able to sing*

PRESENTATION HYMN

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Hymnal 56



<i>Nov</i>	1	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som
<i>30</i>	2	O	come,	thou	Wis - dom	from		on	high,	who or - derest
<i>Dec</i>	3	O	come,	O	come,	thou Lord		of	might,	who to thy
<i>7</i>	4	O	come,	thou	Branch	of Jes	-	se's	tree,	free them from
<i>Dec</i>	5	O	come,	thou	Key	of Da	-	vid,	come,	and o - pen
<i>14</i>	6	O	come,	thou	Day - spring	from		on	high,	and cheer us
<i>Dec</i>	7	O	come,	De - sire	of na	-	tions,	bind	in	one the
<i>21</i>	8	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som



1	cap - tive	Is	-	ra - el,	that	mourns	in	lone - ly	ex -	ile	
2	all things	might	-	i - ly;	to	us	the	path	of	know - ledge	
3	tribes	on	Si	-	nai's	height	in	an -	cient	times didst give the	
4	Sa -	tan's	ty	-	ran -	ny	that	trust	thy	might - y power to	
5	wide	our	heaven	-	ly	home;	make	safe	the	way that leads on	
6	by	thy	draw	-	ing	nigh;	dis -	perse	the	gloom - y clouds of	
7	hearts	of	all	man -	kind;	bid	thou	our	sad	di - vi - sions	
8	cap -	tive	Is	-	ra - el,	that	mourns	in	lone - ly	ex -	ile



1	here	un -	til	the	Son	of	God	ap -	pear.	
2	show,	and	teach	us	in	her	ways	to	go.	
3	law,	in	cloud,	and	ma -	jes -	ty,	and	awe.	
4	save,	and	give	them	vic -	tory	o'er	the	grave.	Re - joice! Re - joice!
5	high,	and	close	the	path	to	mis -	er -	y.	
6	night,	and	death's	dark	shad -	ow	put	to	flight.	
7	cease,	and	be	thy -	self	our	King	of	Peace.	
8	here	un -	til	the	Son	of	God	ap -	pear.	



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; Music *Veni Veni Emmanuel*, Mode 1, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him 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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

## SANCTUS

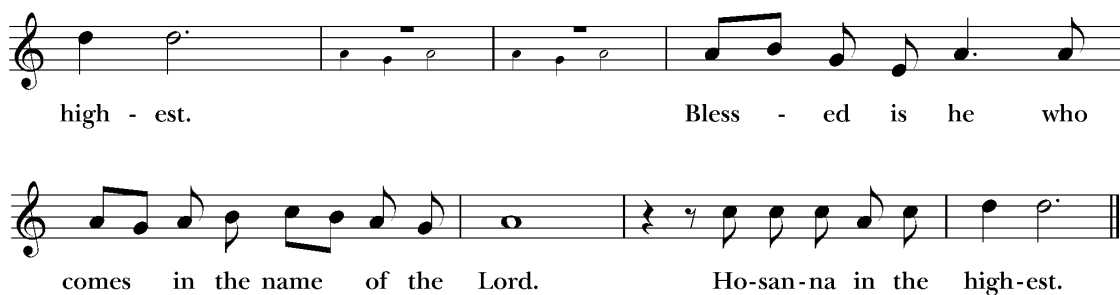
Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the





Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934 – 1992)

*The Celebrant continues*

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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James, and 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.

THE GREAT AMEN



Setting: Three fold Dutch tune

THE LORD’S PRAYER

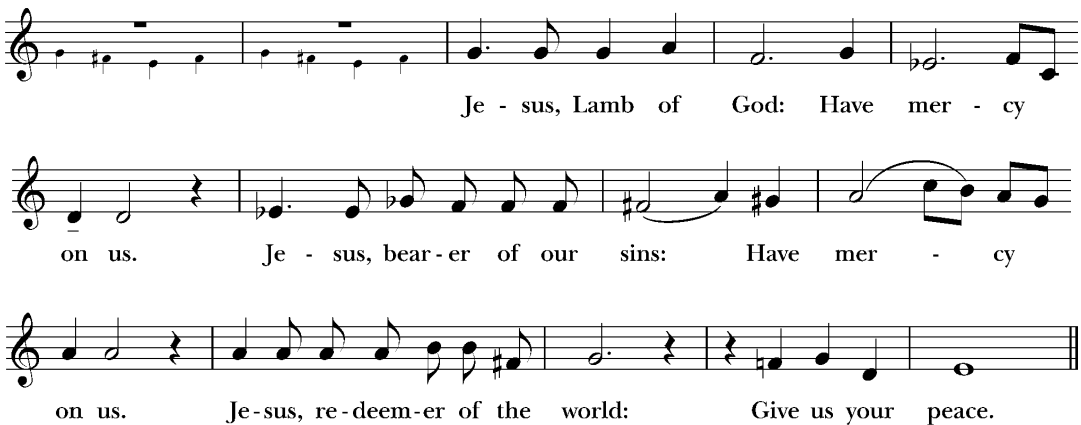
BCP 364

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung,*

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 165



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934 – 1992)

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

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.

*After the Invitation, all baptized persons may come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. For gluten free, ask at the rail.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Bulletin

*All stand as they are able*

PRAYER FOR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **We send you forth to those of Christ's body who are unable to be with us in this place today, to share with them the body and blood of our Savior; the blessing cup which we share and the bread we break as one. May it be to those to whom you minister this day a sign of our love and unity with them as one body of which Jesus Christ is Head. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

*The Celebrant concludes with a blessing.*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Bulletin

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



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