



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Second Sunday of Advent:
*Adonai***

Mission Sunday

**November 19, 2023
10:30 am**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

10:30 am The Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Marian King, Jonte Folkes
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	JT Kittredge, Mabel Moore-Pollard
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher</i>	Ruth Padilla DeBorst
<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Donna Thompson, Michael Anthony
<i>Ushers</i>	Nancy McArdle
<i>Videographer</i>	Michael Anthony
<i>Welcomer</i>	Nancy McArdle

An Opening Rite for the Season of Advent

Words of Welcome

Opening Sentences

Presider As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,
we look on these earthly signs, candles and green branches

People And we remember God's promise to our world:
Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.

Time of Contemplation

A period of roughly five minutes is now kept either in silence or with gentle music as we seek in our souls the One who is coming. During this period, the candles are lit.

“Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul,
a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice,
to which we may continuously return.

Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives,
warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself.

Yielding to these persuasions, gladly committing ourselves
in body and soul, utterly and completely, to the Light Within,
is the beginning of true life.

It is a dynamic center, a creative Life that presses to birth within us.

It is a Light Within which illumines the face of God
and casts new shadows and new glories upon the face of men.

It is a seed stirring to life if we do not choke it.

It is the Shekinah of the soul, the Presence in the midst.

Here is the Slumbering Christ, stirring to be awakened, to become the soul
we clothe in earthly form and action. And [God] is within us all.”

- Quaker Mystic Thomas Kelly

O Antiphon

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times did give the
law, in cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with “The Song of Mary” on the dates given.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also be with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord our God, you gave your law that righteousness might abound: Put it into our hearts to love justice for others as much as we desire it for ourselves, that, as we know you to be our judge, so we may welcome your reign as it is manifested through Jesus Christ our savior; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever.

The Word of God

The First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

Donna Thompson

A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

People Thanks be to God.

To you I lift up my eyes, _____ to you en -
 6
 -throned in the hea - - vens _____ To you I lift up my
 11
 eyes, to you en - throned in the hea - - vens. _____

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
 and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
 until he show us his mercy. *Refrain*

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
 for we have had more than enough of contempt,
 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
 and of the derision of the proud. *Refrain*

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Donna Thompson

A reading from the Book of First Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: We sing of an unfailing love

1. We sing of an un - fail - ing love, and tell of heaven-ly
2. God speaks to us, de - liv - ers us as from our past dis -

might, of all the good things done for us who
tress, from eve - ry shack - le sets us free, from

strug - gled in the night, of God, who brought us
all that might op - press, and holds us all for -

through the gloom in - to the pres - ent light.
ev - er - more in love and ten - der - ness.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first vocal line and the second column to the second vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Ruth Padilla DeBorst

Affirmation of Faith *(Verse 3 is sung by high voices alone. Verse 4 by low voices.)*

H 60



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 9th century Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4, acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Prayers for Mission Sunday *(The people say the responses in bold)* Michael Anthony

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the *Partakers Prison Ministry*, committed to advancing restorative justice, rehabilitation, and the transformation of both prisoners and society through prison education and re-entry programs.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *The Outdoor Church*, a community of faith, ministering to, feeding, and serving unhoused people in the Harvard and Porter Square areas.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *Nuevo Amanecer*, creating a network of base communities among the largely Latino, immigrant community of East Boston.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *CHERA*, supporting the Kasese Community Health and Education Foundation in Uganda and working to reduce the number of women who die in childbirth and to ensure that all children see their 5th birthday.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *Good Shepherd Mission*, one of nine Episcopal churches in the Navajoland Area Mission; honoring the spiritual life of the Navajo and seeking unity, harmony, balance as they walk together.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *Borderland Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande*, aiding thousands of asylum seekers seeking shelter along the Border.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *Lay Ministers Education in Lesotho, Southern Africa*, providing training to Lay Ministers to lead congregations in mountainous regions of the country.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *Abraço Negro*, fostering greater acceptance of African-heritage and indigenous traditions within mainstream Christianity in Brazil.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For *Ruth and Jim Padilla DeBorst*, promoting creation care and theological education in an intentional community in Costa Rica, especially as they cultivate their new project, Casa Nube.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church as it works to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ through prayer, worship, proclaiming the Gospel, and promoting justice, peace, and love.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider then offers this collect for the mission of all

O gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving, and healing your people and your creation. In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work.

We, young and old, lay and ordained, ask you to form us more and more in your image and likeness, through our prayer and worship of you and through the study of your scripture, that our eyes will be fully opened to your mission in the world. Then, God, into our communities, our nation, and the world, send us all to serve with Christ, taking risks to give life and hope to all people and all of your creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

All

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

we confess that we have failed to honor you

in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

*A moment in silence is now kept, not to dwell in unnecessary self-criticism or self-hatred,
but rather to face our brokenness with courage and honesty
that we might know more deeply God's healing and forgiving love.*

The Presider then says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Celebrations

The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:

May God bless you; May God keep you; May God's love be with you;
May God grant you peace and wisdom; May God ever be with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

Offertory Anthem: God is Love

The Adult Choir; Soloist: Mike Burris

Harry Rowe Shelley



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
 pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____
 bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed. _____
 shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone. _____
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. _____

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider says

It is truly right always and everywhere to praise you, Lord God our Creator, Giver of light. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

MHSO 37

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Heav - en earth, heav-en and earth are

Heav - en, earth, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless - ed, bless - ed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless - ed, _____ bless - ed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the

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The Presider says

Life-giving God, you made all people and all things in a world of glory,
 and taught us to live together in love forever.

And though we turned from your light and made war on one another,
 wasting the gifts of your creation,
 until we could find no way out of the darkness,
 even then you did not destroy or forsake us.

The People then say

You called Sarah and Abraham on a journey of promise,
 and brought Israel out of captivity;

you made Moses your friend, and taught him to grow in the truth.

And in due time the new star of glory appeared,
 scattering the shadows of death and leading us on the road to peace.

The Presider says

Our eyes at first were dim: we could not make him out.
We wondered as he taught us the way of your kingdom;
we fled in fear when he died for us, showing the fullness of love.

The People then say

But you raised him again,
and in his new dawn the truth shone plainly for all to see.
Now we have cast down our fears; we have turned our faces full to the light.
And so, we join in love once more, to follow his example
and share his glorious life in the breaking of bread.

The Presider says

For on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
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 in 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 of 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.”

The People then say

Therefore, God, we offer you this bread and this wine. We offer them gladly, as
Jesus told us, giving thanks for his life, his death, and his resurrection.

The Presider says

Now send us your Holy Spirit, to show that this bread and cup
are the life-giving body and blood of your Son, and reveal your image in us,
transforming our life to be like his and
bring us at the last to his commonwealth of peace.

All then say together

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread *(Silence is kept)*

Fraction Anthem: Father, we thank thee

H 303, v. 1 only

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee
2 Thou, Lord, didst make all
3 Watch o'er thy Church, O
4 As grain, once scat - tered

who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly
for thy plea - sure, didst give us
Lord, in mer - cy, save it from
on the hill - sides, was in this

Name with - in our hearts. Know - ledge and
food for all our days, giv - ing in
e - vil, guard it still, per - fect it
bro - ken bread made one, so from all

faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
Christ the Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the
in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
lands thy Church be gath - ered in - to thy

Son to us im - parts.
power, be thine the praise.
formed un - to thy will.
king - dom by thy Son.

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The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a contactless blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Anthem: God Near at Hand
The Greenleaf Choir

Text: Richard Leach
Music: Patrick Michaels

Communion Hymn: Prepare the way of the Lord

MHSO 61

The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two main parts: a Canon and a Secondary Canon. The Canon is marked with a '1' and a '2' above the first two measures. The lyrics are: 'Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. ____'. The Secondary Canon is marked with a '1' and a '2' above the first two measures. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia.' The score includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and various musical notations such as stems, beams, and rests.

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Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

Presider Let us pray.

People 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

Presider

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

Closing Hymn: Signs of endings

WLP 721

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new;
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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