



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**January 14, 2024
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,
persons with or without disabilities, 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 after the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Jonte Folkes, Emery Mazzotta, Patrick Wilmer, Johnny Torres
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Marian King, Lauren Rigsby
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher and Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Emery Mazzotta, Ivy Saltzman, Mary Buchinger
<i>Substitute Musician</i>	Margot Chamberlain
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Yoder, Meg and Ren Aukeman
<i>Videographer</i>	Dave Musser, Colin Mazzotta
<i>Welcomer</i>	Katherine Gilliland

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Tolling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: We gather together

H 433

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Music: *Kremser*, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Arise, shine, for your light has come.

People And the glory of the Lord shall dawn upon you.

Collect for Purity

All then pray

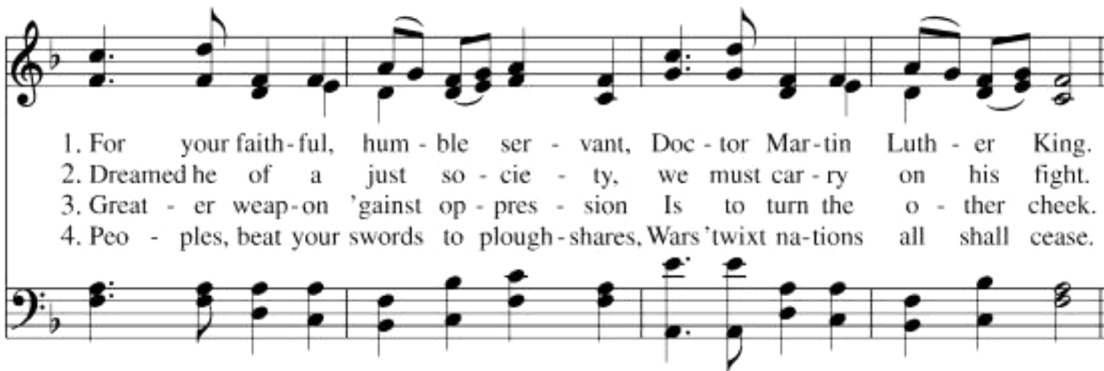
Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in your light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Song of Praise: Blessed Martin, Pastor Prophet

LEVAS 46 (vss. 1-4)



1. Ho - ly God, you raise up proph-ets; Praise and hon - or do we sing,
2. Mo - ral con - science of his na - tion, Re - con - cil - ing black and white,
3. Teach - er of Christ - like non - vio - lence To the out - cast, poor and meek;
4. Preach - er of Christ's love for neigh - bor, He won No - bel's prize for peace;



1. For your faith - ful, hum - ble ser - vant, Doc - tor Mar - tin Luth - er King.
2. Dreamed he of a just so - cie - ty, we must car - ry on his fight.
3. Great - er weap - on 'gainst op - pres - sion Is to turn the o - ther cheek.
4. Peo - ples, beat your swords to plough - shares, Wars 'twixt na - tions all shall cease.

Refrain



Bless - ed Mar - tin, pas - tor, proph - ct, you the moun - tain - top did see;



Bless - ed Mar - tin, ho - ly mar - tyr: Pray that we may - all be free.

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Music: *Martin's Song* by Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*, Copyright © 1992

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also be with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Emery Mazzotta

A reading from the Book of 1 Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

People Thanks be to God.

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

A Reading from the Book of 1 Corinthians.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Wisdom Hymn

Text: Thomas DeFreitas

Vs. 1-2 before Gospel, Vs. 3-4 following

Praise, my soul, how Wisdom teaches,
Gently leading us to grace,
Probing heaven’s farthest reaches,
Delving into inner space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the kindness of her face.

Praise, my heart, the wit and reason
Of her bright discerning eyes;
She creates in every season,
Blesses us with fresh surprise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Gracious light that never dies.

Praise the mellow meditations
She produces in our thought;
Praise her wholesome inspirations
Granted even when unsought.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Setting proud conceit at naught.

Sing out loud with joyful measure
What Sophia sees and knows:
Let us thank her for the treasure
Which unstinting she bestows:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Star of morning, mystic rose.

The Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Stewart

Affirmation of Faith “*Ninasadiki*,” I Believe!

Music: S.C. Ochieng Okeyo

The congregation responds to each line of the creed by singing Ninasadiki (“I believe”).

I believe in God the almighty, Ninasadiki
who created earth and the heavens, Ninasadiki
and in Jesus, God’s Son from heaven, Ninasadiki
of eternal love the begotten, Ninasadiki
And conceived by the Holy Spirit, Ninasadiki
He was born of the Virgin Mary, Ninasadiki
To the earth he came as a baby, Ninasadiki
Born for us and for our salvation, Ninasadiki
Truly human, he lived among us, Ninasadiki
And he suffered much under Pilate, Ninasadiki
He was crucified, died, was buried, Ninasadiki
He descended down into hell, Ninasadiki
On the third day he rose triumphant, Ninasadiki
As was prophesied in the scriptures, Ninasadiki
He ascended then up to heaven, Ninasadiki
And shall come again in great glory, Ninasadiki
He shall come once more then to judge us, Ninasadiki
And his kingdom shall have no ending, Ninasadiki
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Ninasadiki
I believe in one holy church, Ninasadiki
I acknowledge one holy baptism, Ninasadiki
And forgiveness, pardon for sinners, Ninasadiki
I expect one great resurrection, Ninasadiki
And the life of the world to come, Ninasadiki

Prayers for Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

Mary Buchinger

Leader Creator God, you invite us into a place of love, generosity, equity, and hope. Yet, we too often refuse that invitation and become part of inherently violent and unjust structures. Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

We pray for those who are broken by seeing their own faces in the victims of violence, who feel both targeted and invisible. May each of us have the freedom and space to be who God created us to be, inside and out.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For all those who feel different, marginalized, and alone. We commit ourselves to acknowledging, respecting, and celebrating differences and commonalities.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For all those who work for justice. May we be inspired to join them even though we risk ridicule or failure. Grant us steadfastness of heart even when the work takes longer than we expect.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader We give thanks for the gift of empathy and the ability to see the face of God in one another. May we practice empathy when we engage with others so that we might learn about and connect with each other's contexts.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For St. James's and the space we have where we may share joys and sorrows, hope and despair. May we create affirming and life giving space free from sexism, misogyny, ageism, and heteronormative thinking.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader We pray for all cities, that they may be places of rich diversity and equal opportunity. We pray for the cities we inhabit, Cambridge and beyond, that justice may heal the great divides of wealth and poverty, White and Black, citizen and non-citizen.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For people of color who are economically exploited, imprisoned, or killed by state violence. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to change our participation in these systems.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader On this day, we offer our prayer for Arne Nystrom and Mateo Singer-Torres. And I now invite you to offer your prayers of petition, intercession, or thanksgiving silently or aloud.

(A minute is observed when all may offer their prayers for themselves and for the world.)

Leader Let us pray.

People Gracious God, you created each of us wonderfully different and yet always in your image. Help us to embody and practice justice, liberation, and peace in our engagements with one another. Empower us, inspire us, and direct us to be your beloved people in the world. Amen.

Confession

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

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

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 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. **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 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the divine name; *
bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

Offertory Anthem: Babethandaza
The Adult Choir

Zulu and Xhosa Song

Translation: Things are the way they are because of prayer.

The mothers/women of old/older women used to pray.

Presentation Hymn: I want to live so God can use me

SJS 140, v.1-3

1. I want to live so God can use me, vic -
to - rious in this land; I want to live so God can
use me, vic - to - rious in this land.

2. I want to walk. . . 3. I want to work. . . 4. I want to pray. . . 5. I want to sing. . .

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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 chants

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

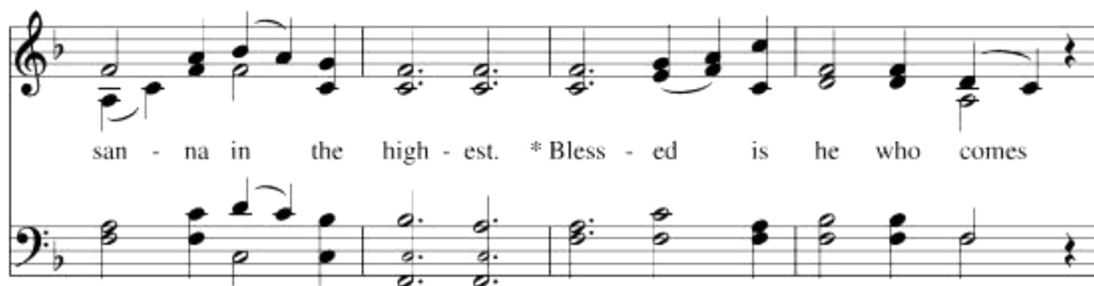
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

Arr: Marcia Pruner Harm: Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

The Presider 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 Blessed 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,

Presider and People

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

Presider 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, draw all things into reconciliation through your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The Presider continues

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

Lord's Prayer (Zambian)

SJS 1

(Soloists sing the words in italics. The congregation joins in unitalicized language.)

*Hear our plea, dear Father we pray;
shower upon us your heav'nly grace
that we may be your people*

Glorifying you.

Lord, our Father, in heaven abiding,
may your name always be hallowed by us.
Your will is righteous and ever consistent,
in heaven and also on earth.

Give us this day what we really have need of.
Please forgive us the sins we've committed.
Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor
as you have forgiven us ours.

Far from temptation we ask you to lead us.
Save us also from all that is evil.
Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory
at this time and world without end.

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

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The Breaking of the Bread *(Silence is kept)*

Fraction Anthem: One Bread, One Body

LEVAS 151, *Refrain only*

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through - out the earth, We are one

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

Last time ⊕

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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.



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have
 all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
 thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
 Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

Words: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. Charles William Humphreys (1840-1921);
 alt. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
 Music: *Malabar*, David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

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 Jesus Christ be manifest in you,
 that your lives may be a light to the world.
 and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
 be upon you, and those you love,
 and those for whom you pray
 this day and forever more. Amen.

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _____ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _____ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _____ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _____ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _____ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _____ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

_____ No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 (no turn - ing back,)

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam
 Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson
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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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