



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**February 4, 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Marian King, Jonte Folkes
<i>Cantors</i>	Tom Hirschi, Margot Chamberlain, Laurie Rofinot
<i>Drummers</i>	Steve Clark, Tom Hirschi
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Alvin Lindo, Laverne Agard-Lynch
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Linda Luikel, Susan Rice
<i>Ushers</i>	Alan Aukeman
<i>Videographer</i>	Steve Clark
<i>Welcomer</i>	Sylvia Weston

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Tolling of the Bell



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
 To - rah o - ra,



words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930) Music: Torah Song, Haside melody, arr. Richard Proulx

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: Jesus came to live

1. Je - sus came to live with pur - pose firm and clear:
2. Sei - zures and dis - ease were pac - i - fied and quelled,
3. Peo - ple shunned and scorned were lift - ed from dis - grace

to show in all he said and did how
dis - solv - ing at a heal - ing touch or
and at the ban - quet of re - birth en -

God was draw - ing near - - Je - sus came to live!
by a word ex - pelled - - With a heal - ing touch!
joyed an hon - ored place. All will have a place!

Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Brian Wren

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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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-35

Linda Luikel

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
 and my right is disregarded by my God"?
 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
 He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
 Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147:1-12, 21

REFRAIN Margot Chamberlain

Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing prais-es to our God! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu! Sing prais-es to our God!

Hallelujah!
 How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
 how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
 he gathers the exiles of Israel.
 He heals the brokenhearted *
 and binds up their wounds. *Refrain*
 He counts the number of the stars *
 and calls them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground. *Refrain*
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind. *Refrain*
He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
Hallelujah! *Refrain*

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Linda Luikel

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

Gospel Hymn: O Christ, the Word Incarnate

H 632, v. 1,2; v. 3 after Gospel

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.

Music: Munich, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

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").

Prayers of the People

Susan Rice

Reader

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your truth. In particular, we pray at this time for peace in the Holy Land.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for all the communities in which we live, that they may have eyes to see the many gifts you have given them and hearts to share those gifts generously for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame, and those who experience oppression or hatred.

On this day, we offer our prayer for Charles Daniels, Stephen Damiani, Vida Carrington, Hana and Farah.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus into your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I invite your prayers, aloud or in silence, at this time.

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

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy.

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: Let Thy Holy Spirit
The Adult Choir

Pavel Tchesnokov

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

WLP 858



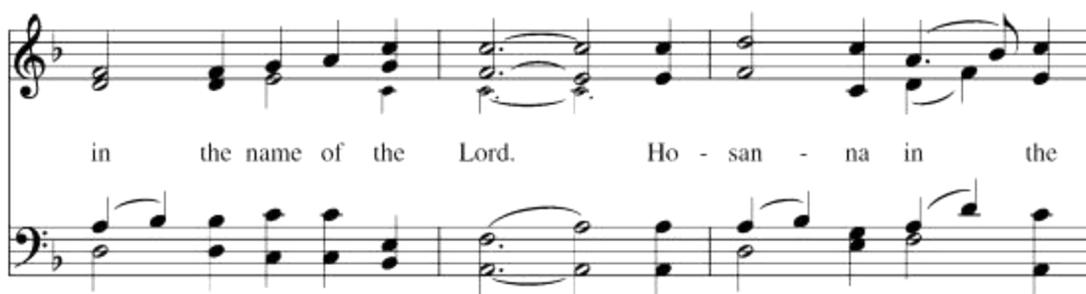
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



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



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



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 — — — — — Last time ⊕ Lord. — — — — —

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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: Let Thy Works Appear *The Greenleaf Choir*

Ron Nelson

Communion Hymn: Come, thou fount of every blessing

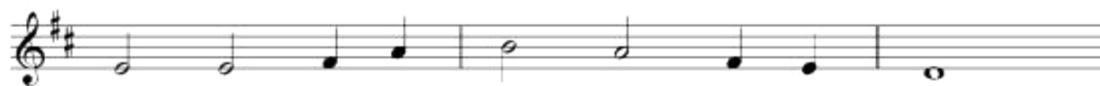
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1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



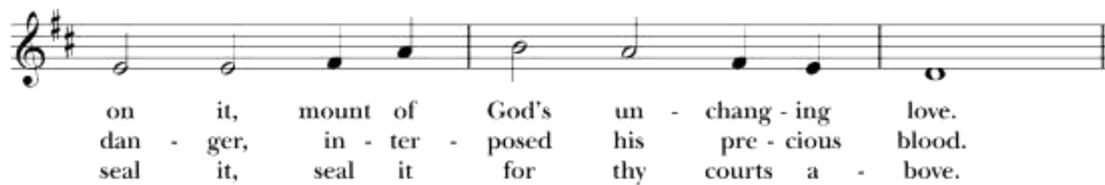
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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.

Closing Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

LEVAS 221

1. This lit - tle light of mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, _____ I'm gon - na let it

Oh _____

1. shine, _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
 2. shine, _____ Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, _____ Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh _____

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Je - sus gave it to

Oh _____

1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 3. me, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it

Oh _____

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Horace C. Boyer Arr Copyright © 1992 Horace C. Boyer

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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