



Welcome

To

St. James Episcopal Church

In Person Services are:

Rite I at 8:00am Sunday

Rite II at 10:00am Sunday

Wednesday Evening Eucharist

with Prayers for the Healing at 5:30pm

Online Service:

Sunday Morning Prayers at 11:00 am Via Zoom

We are glad you are here to worship with us, and we want you to feel at home.



We welcome all baptized individuals to join us for communion.

*If you wish to receive communion
please enter the communion line, then kneel or stand at
the altar to receive the*

Eucharist or to ask for a blessing.

*The wafer (the Body of Christ)
will be*

placed in your cupped hands.

*To receive the wine (the Blood of Christ)
you may dip your wafer into it.*

*To receive a blessing
cross your arms across your chest.*

*Please notify an usher
if you wish to receive communion at your seat.*

*If you do not have a church home and/or would like to learn more
about St. James and the Episcopal Church, you are warmly invited to
contact our Rector,*

*The Rev. Robert E. Willmann at (740) 605-0784 The
church office may be reached at (740) 453-9459*

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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

RITE I

(Please Stand)

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People: Amen

Leader: Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will exult in the God of my salvation.

(Habakkuk 3:18)

The first three Advent candles are lit.

People: This candle represents **JOY**. The gift of God's Son, Jesus, gives us joy at Christmas and all through the year. Help us to share our joy.

Leader: May God, the source of all **JOY**, be with you.

People: And also with you.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

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

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee,
we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Kneel or Stand

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah

(Zephaniah 3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

(Please stand)

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

(Philippians 4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

(Luke 3:7-18)

Glory to thee, O Lord

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Sermon: The Reverend Robert Willmann

(Please Stand)

The Nicene Creed

Leader and people together

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.

(Please kneel or stand)

The Prayers of the People

Leader:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy hold Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O Heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Provisional Bishop, Robert our Rector, Kathryn, and Rob our Priests Associate, Robert, and Susan our Deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St James and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and advocate. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

Leader and People together

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker
of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Absolution

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People:
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

(Please stand)

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts *People:*
We lift them up unto the Lord
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

Celebrant and people:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High

(Please kneel or stand) The

Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation, of himself once offered full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and Heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee the most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouch safe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighting our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and people together

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Anthem: Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people together

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

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.

Communion of the People

In the Episcopal Tradition, we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We welcome all baptized individuals to join us for communion.

(Please kneel or stand) Post

communion Prayer

Celebrant and people together

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O Heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen*

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Celebrant

The Rev. Robert Willmann

Preacher

The Rev. Susan Riis

Chalice/Lector

Eric Blake

Vestry

The Reverend Robert E. Willmann S.T.B, J.C.L., J.C.D,

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Linda O'Neill, Martha Staley,

Carol Thompson, Tom Tompkins, Chad Williams

Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ~

The Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00 (music begins at 3:40) and 11:00 pm (music begins at 10:40). Evan Abood, Annette Porter and Vickie MacLaine will be servicing at the 4:00 service. The office will be verifying with Santa for his visit after the 4:00 service. The St James Choir will be performing for the services. The choir members are Becca Abele, Molly Beetem, Eric Blake, Fritz Douthiff, Dawnell Graham, Jennifer Henderson, Christopher Hendley, Tyson Kumorowski, Martha Staley, Tom Tompkins and Ella Willmann

Our 11:00 pm service will have to assisted as needed Eric Blake along with Tom and Dianne Ischy.

Thank you to all who volunteered!

December 26 will only have one service – our 10:00. Susan Riis will also be holding the Zoom 11:00 morning prayers

GREENING OF THE CHURCH ~

After the 11:00 service on December the 12th, we will be greening the church. You are welcome to stay and help!

PRAYER LIST

Our Military

Christopher Benson
Ben Spiker

Zachary Spiker
Jacob Spiker

We pray also for:

Jane and Sharon Donoho
Deborah Robinson Sekou
Ray Gillespie
John Graham
Fr. Rob Willmann
Shirley Stephens
Greg Meadows
Barbara Schriefer
Dave Michael
Jim Horton
Greta Hauser
George Preston
Andrea Salahub
Rudy Arnold
Theresa Bray
Stephanie Schwieterman
Ruth Anderson
Cathy Rice
Beth Fineran
Becky Yinger
Teri Chacon
Larry and Charline Jeffers
Mark Steen
Richard Sands
Steve Averill
Azalea Miranda
Karen Siegfriedt
Noah Spiker
David Desquin
John Benson
Jim Hoskinson
Anthony Gillespie

Cindy Yost
Judy Sowell
Joann Huntwork
Melissa Gabriel
Gary Michael
Katie Shannon
Jim Cope
Dr. Kathleen Riley
Sarah Merikkam
Phylis Hammer
Eileen Adams
Susan Nichols
Cindy Downs Greaves
Bob Oppenheimer
Lisa Ferguson
Cris Morrison
Sharon Bauer
Dan and Brenda Ransom
Brooke Anderson
Kane Warden
Chad Raymond
Sam Plummer
Dennis Grimes
Donna Rush
Linda O'Neill
EJ Spiker
Stephanie Sherman
Susan Spiker
Janet Slack
Marcus Gaiters