



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**January 21, 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Marian King, Jonte Folkes
<i>Drummers</i>	Steve Clark, Tom Hirschi
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	JT Kittredge, Mabel Moore-Pollard
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher and Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Donna Thompson, Michael Anthony
<i>Substitute Musician</i>	Margot Chamberlain
<i>Ushers</i>	Nancy McArdle
<i>Videographer</i>	Michael Anthony
<i>Welcomer</i>	Nancy McCardle

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Tolling of the Bell

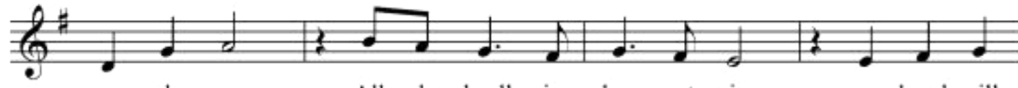
Opening Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky



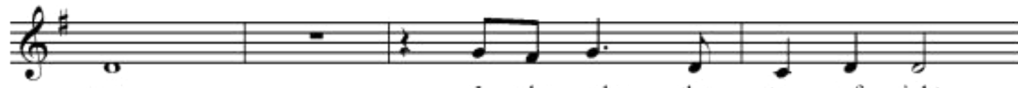
Verses



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



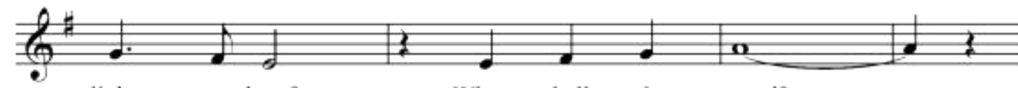
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



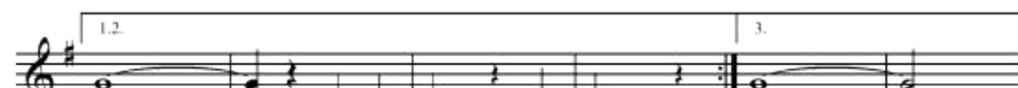
Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call - ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my



heart. _____ heart. _____

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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: In love you summon

MHSO 125

In love you sum - mon, in love I fol - low,

liv - ing to - day for your to - mor - row.

Christ to re - lease me, Christ to en - fold me,

Christ to re - strain me, Christ to up - hold me.

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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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Donna Thompson

A reading from the Book of Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:6-14

*Refrain Sipple

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge. *Refrain*
Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted. *Refrain*
On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. *Refrain*
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds. *Refrain*

Living Epistle

Jaime Givens, *GBIO Organizer*

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 - diancy 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.

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The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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 of the People

Michael Anthony

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 Arne Nystrom, Mateo Singer-Torres.

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: Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord *Cameroonian Song*
The Adult Choir

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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has two measures, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The second staff has four measures. The third staff has four measures. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, Bm, G, A, D, Bm, G, A7, D.

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. 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 written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

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*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning of the first system.

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.

Communion Anthem: I Will Kindle My Fire
The Greenleaf Choir

Words: Carmina Gadelica
 Music: Mary Truly Ermey

Communion Hymn: Taste and See

L 154

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

1. His praise shall al - ways be on my
2. To - geth - er let us all praise His
3. You'll want for noth - ing if you

1. lips; _____ my soul _____ shall
 2. name. _____ I called _____ the
 3. ask. _____ Taste _____ and

1. glo - ry _____ in the Lord; _____ for
 2. Lord _____ and He an - swered me; _____ from
 3. see _____ that God is good; _____ in

1. He _____ has been _____ so good to me. _____
 2. all _____ my trou - bles _____ He set me free. _____
 3. Him _____ we need _____ put all our trust. _____

D.C.

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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 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 The moun-tain of God stands a - bove ev - 'ry na - tion. All
 2 The cit - y of God wel - comes home all who en - ter. For
 3 The fam - 'ly of God has no blood - lines to bind us; we

cul - tures will gath - er to drink from its spring. The
 those who seek shel - ter, its gates o - pen wide. With
 join by a - dop - tion, by grace and by choice. Our

cit - y that ris - es on this sure foun - da - tion calls
 love as its law and true peace at its cen - ter, it
 par - ent will pa - tient - ly seek out and find us, and

all the earth's peo - ple to dance and to sing. Come
 shines for the world with the light found in - side. Come
 with ev - 'ry home - com - ing God will re - joice. Come

home, come home, come home to the cit - y of God. Come

home, come home, come home to the cit - y of God.

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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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