



## St. James' Episcopal Church

A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023  
9:00 am

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*Welcome to St. James'! Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are so happy to worship with you today!*

*For the benefit of those who wish to pray, please enter the Sanctuary quietly.*

*Feel free to fill out a pew card if are a newcomer or have a prayer request. You can drop it in the alms basins later in the liturgy.*

*Everything you need to follow our worship can be found in your bulletin and on the screens.*

*The Congregational hymns can also be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew rack.*

### Prelude

Prelude in B flat by Calara Schumann

### Welcome

*All stand as able.*

### Hymn at the Opening

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*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*All sing the first verse of the hymn as the acolyte lights the candle.*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*He came down*

### He Came Down

He came down that we may have \*love; He

came down that we may have love; He came down that we may

have love, Hal-le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.

*Cantor:* Why did he come?

*\*Substitute peace, joy, hope, life, etc.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*All are seated for the readings.*

## **First Reading**

*Isaiah 64: 1-9*

*After the Reading:*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalter**

*Psalms 80: 1-7, 16-18*

**1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

**3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**

**5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

**7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

**17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

**18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## **Second Reading**

*I Corinthians 1: 3-9*

*After the Reading:*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the hymn and remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

## Sequence Hymn

MHSO 59

*Longing for light*

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. —

## The Holy Gospel

*Mark 13: 24-37*

*The Gospel is proclaimed with these words:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Gospel is concluded with:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand, as able.*

*All*

**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 worshipped 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor*      God of hope;  
*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

### **The Confession & Absolution**

*Presider*          Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept. All may kneel or solemnly bow.*

*All*                **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider offers the Absolution and bids the Peace.*

*Presider*          The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.*

### **Announcements**

#### **Birthday & Anniversary Blessing**

*Those celebrating birthday and anniversaries are invited to come forward. The People and Ministers recognize and bless them.*

*All*                **May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. Amen.**

*An offering is collected to help support St. James' mission of sharing Christ's love in the world. For more information on how you can help, go to [www.stjameskan.org/support-st-james](http://www.stjameskan.org/support-st-james) or by clicking the QR Code on the back of the bulletin.*

*All stand for the presentation of the gifts and join in the hymn.*

**To God the father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Holy Ghost we raise, our equal and unceasing praise.**

**The Great Thanksgiving***Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider prays the Preface then continues:*

*Presider* And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*All sing the Sanctus (S-130 in the blue Hymnal).*

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider recalls Christ's Last Supper and prays that the gifts and people may be sanctified and blessed by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer the People respond in a loud voice 'AMEN.'*

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.  
*All* **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. All sing the Confractorium (S-164 in the blue Hymnal)*

*All* **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.  
 Give us your peace.  
 Give us your peace.**

*The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion.*

*All those who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to come forward. The Presider will place the Bread in your hands. You may eat the Bread and drink from the common Cup, or you may leave the Bread in your hands and have the Minister dip the Bread in the Wine for you before handing it back.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish you receive for any reason, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing.*

*During Communion, Prayer Ministers are available at either end of the altar rail to pray with anyone who is in need.*

**Hymn During Communion****53***Gottes Sohn ist kommen***Hymn During Communion****640***Aberystwyth*

*After all have received Communion, the Presider returns to the Holy Table.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All*

**Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

**Hymn at the Closing**

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*Helmsley*

*The Dismissal is given, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God!'*

**Postlude**

*Participants in the Liturgy*

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart
Organist/Choirmaster	Justin Oei
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Michael Larkin
Asst. Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny
Media Engineer	Scott Hobin
	Derek Brainard
Intercessor	Steve Osborne
Crucifer	Paige Posecznick
Lector	Carrie Chantler
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Larkin
	Wendy Osborne
	Carol Murphy
	Carrie Chantler
Ushers	Connie, Earl and Amy Tuttle

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