



Saint James' Episcopal Church
A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024
9:00 am

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: Praeludium in F, BuxWV 157/i

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

All stand as able.

Hymn at the Opening 408

Mit Freuden zart

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.'

Song of Praise

(Printed on pew card)

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

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

After the Reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter

Psalm 62: 6-14

**⁶For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.**
**⁷He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**
**⁸In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.**
**⁹Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**
**¹⁰Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.**
**¹¹On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.**
**¹²Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**
**¹³God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.**
**¹⁴Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 7: 29-31

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 661

Georgetown

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1: 14-20

The Gospel is proclaimed with these words:

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

The Gospel is concluded with:

People The Gospel of the Lord.
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 Light of the world;
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. The People are seated.

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 with the world. For more information on how you can help, go to www.stjameskan.org/support-st-james or by clicking the QR Code on the back of the bulletin

Offertory Anthem: Have You Heard God's Voice

Jacqui Jones, arr. Frederick Chatfield

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

Hymn at the Presentation 124, verse 5

Puer nobis

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

Presider

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People

By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust, and we turned against one another.

People

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider

Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People

By his blood he reconciled us. By his wounds we are healed.

Presider

And therefore we praise you joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All join in singing the Sanctus (printed on the pew card)

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.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Postlude: Fanfare on Moscow

Gilbert Martin

Participants in the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher
Paten
Organist/Choirmaster
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
Asst. Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
Media Engineer
Crucifier
Intercessor
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
Sr. Marie Patricia Hughes
Justin Oei
Michael Larkin
Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny
Susan Larkin
Mike Echols
Sharon Arliss
Debra Rose Brillati
Carol Murphy
Steve Osborne
Wendy Osborne
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Earl, Connie & Amy Tuttle

Ushers

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Today the Episcopal Church commemorates Religious Life Sunday!!

Did you know that there are monks, nuns, sisters and brothers, and friars in The Episcopal Church? We invite you to learn what religious life can offer you and to observe Religious Life Sunday on the 3rd Sunday in Epiphany.

What is "Religious Life Sunday"?

General Convention approved resolution 2022-B004, "Foundation of Religious Life Sunday," to be held each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. On this Sunday, we reach out to Episcopalians to spread the message that monastic and Christian communities exist in The Episcopal Church, who we are, and how to find out what we can offer you.



What are the "religious" communities in The Episcopal Church?

Religious communities in The Episcopal Church include monastic communities, whose members live together under a rule of life and under vows such as poverty, chastity, and obedience. “Religious life” also includes Christian communities whose members are from all walks of life, who live in their own homes and have jobs, and who form unified, vowed communities.

What can religious life do for me and for my faith journey?

In religious life, over the centuries, traditions and practices have been developed to assist spiritual growth and discernment. Religious in the Episcopal Church teach about prayer practices, lead retreats, give spiritual direction, assist in writing and living a rule of life, give presentations about the spiritual journey, and provide spiritual friendship. Many of our monastic communities offer hospitality for short visits or longer retreats. The website religiouslifesunday.org includes resources, videos, a speakers list, and much more.

Once you have made a connection with one religious community, you might want to explore becoming an associate or oblate. The process usually begins with discernment and preparation, followed by a formal service of commitment. Associates and oblates pray for the members of the community and other associates and oblates, and they usually give financial and other support, commit to a rule of life, and attend retreats. We also discern with those exploring a vocation to religious life.

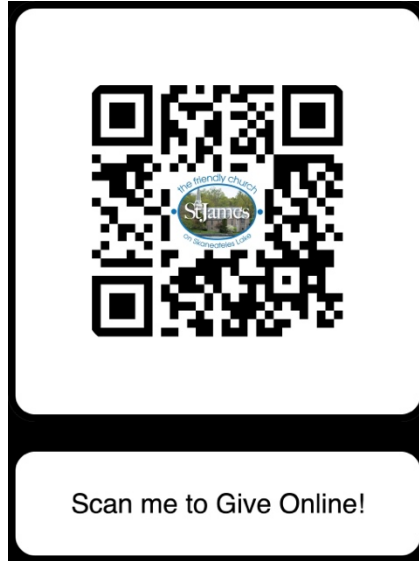
How can I connect with a religious community?

We welcome your interest in our lives and our communities! To learn more about monastic communities in The Episcopal Church, visit caroa.net. Form more information on Christian communities, visit naecc.net. For more resources and information, visit religiouslifesunday.org. At St. James’ you can talk with some of our own people involved in religious communities, including Sr. Marie-Patricia Hughes (Benedictine) and Michael Brown and Pam Steward (Third Order Franciscans).

Collect For Monastic Orders and Vocations

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**





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