



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

***The First Sunday of Advent
December 1st, 2024***

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**The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
December 01, 2024**

Prelude: Variations on *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Processional Hymn #65: *Prepare the way, O Zion*

(please stand)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant & People

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

Trisagion S-102 *(please turn to #S-102 in your hymnal. Together we will say @ 8, and sing @ 10)*

Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 211

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(please be seated for the Lessons)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 25:1-9 ~ Please turn to page 614 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

(we will read responsively as instructed by the Lector)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in

love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #54: *Savior of the nations, come*

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

(please stand)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(please be seated)

The Homily: The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

The Nicene Creed *(please stand and turn to page 358 in The Book of Common Prayer)*

Prayers of the People

*(please kneel/be seated as you are able ~ the congregation will read the **bolded italicized** responses)*

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, "O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation."

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. *Moment of silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel; ***be our hope and our salvation.***

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. *Moment of silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel; ***be our hope and our salvation.***

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust in you. *Moment of silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel; ***be our hope and our salvation.***

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region – from city, village and town – together in a spirit of love and respect. *Moment of silence*
O come, o come, Emmanuel; ***be our hope and our salvation.***

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We especially pray for those on our intercessions list: **Allen & Lisa Walton, Terry Cole, LaVahn & Mary-Frances Hoh, Carol Coleman, David Purcell, Carol Coleman, Allyson Darling, Jim Coleman, Jack Steele, Chester Harvey, Ann Forrestal, Charlotte Jones, Kristin Zonozi, Eric Kidwell, David Chiles, Sharon Lupichuk, Diana Rivera, Liz Blanchard, Zac Yarbrough, W.A. Dickinson, Felecia Christian, Tate Verling, John Cochrane and Nancy Miller.**

We pray for those in military service, especially: **Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond, Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser.** *Moment of silence*
O come, o come, Emmanuel; ***be our hope and our salvation.***

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.
Moment of silence
O come, o come, Emmanuel; ***be our hope and our salvation.***

The Celebrant will add a concluding Collect.

Confession

The Book of Common Prayer, pg.360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & People

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.

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace & Greeting (please stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

We believe Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine. To receive the bread, open your hands and the priest will drop the host into your palms. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup, please remain at the altar and the chalice bearer will serve you. If you wish to intinct, please take the host and dip the host into the wine from the intinction cup that the crucifer will be holding by the steps. If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, and would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your hands over your chest at the altar and the priest will bless you.

Communion is open to ALL baptized Christians

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Celebrant “May the Lord so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.” *1 Thessalonians*

Anthem: *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

arr. Andre Thomas

Doxology (*please stand – said or sung together*)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host / Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367

(*please remain standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*will be announced and found in your hymnal*)

(*please remain standing or kneel as you are able*)

Celebrant 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 the Virgin 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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Fraction Anthem S-169

Communion Hymns:

#601 *O day of God, draw nigh*

#712 *Dona Nobis Pacem (Give us peace)*

Post-Communion Prayer (please kneel)

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #73: The King shall come when morning dawns

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer: John Schick
Chalice: Jill Schumacher
Lector: Dale Williams (8) / Sharon Boivin (10)
Prayers of the People: Musu Rogers (8) / Kathy Campbell (10)
Ushers: Patty & Emma Madison
Altar Guild: Amy Shiflett
Sunday School: Debbie Wesley / Anna Schick
Nursery: Kelly Craig / Amy Schick
Counters: Patty Madison / Patty Driskill

Intercessions

Church Members: David Purcell, Terry Cole, LaVahn & Mary-Frances Hoh, Allen & Lisa Walton, Carol Coleman

Family of Church Members: Allyson Darling, Jim Coleman, Jack Steele, Ann Forrestal, Chester Harvey, Charlotte Jones, Kristin Zonozi, Eric Kidwell

Friends of Church Members: David Chiles, Sharon Lupichuk, Diana Rivera, Liz Blanchard, Zac Yarbrough, W.A. Dickinson, Felecia Christian, Tate Verling, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For those in military service, especially: Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond, Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For the Departed

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Thanksgivings:

01-Randy Keil; 04-Steve & Alice Gaultney
In thanksgiving for God’s Creation and those who care for it.

Announcements are on the back

Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

We welcome all visitors to St. James. If you would like to know more about our church family, please sign a pew card or the guest register near the front door of the church.

The altar greens are given by the Altar Guild to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for this Advent Season.

Join us for Coffee Hour this morning following each service in the Parish Hall. St. Nick will be visiting during the 10am Coffee Hour for the young, as well as the old! All are welcome! Thank you to Isa Hawthorne & Marie Farrell (8) and Linda Brickey/Alice Gaultney/Sherry Morris/Cindy Weber (10) for hosting.

Tomorrow, December 2nd @ 9:00am, Sunny Agee will be leading wreath making in the Parish Hall. The wreaths will be used to decorate in and around St. James. If you are interested in learning how to make wreaths and to help decorate for Christmas, please call Sunny at 540-967-0415 or 540-894-3198. All are welcome, you just need to let Sunny know so she can be sure to have enough supplies on hand. Please bring clippers, if you have some.

Vestry Nomination forms, which include information on requirements, are in the Narthex and on the information table in the Parish Hall. Please speak with Rev. Jennifer+ if you are interested in serving and have any questions.

Jill Schumacher begins leading the Advent Study this Tuesday from 10:30am-12pm in the Parish Hall. The study will continue on December 10th and 17th. Discussion will be on the book *The Season of Hope* by Tish Harrison Warren. The book is available on Amazon. Please call/email the church office if you are planning to attend the study.

Upcoming Services:

- 12/08 8:00am *Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (no music)*
10:00am *Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (with music)*
- 12/15 8:00am *Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (no music)*
10:00am *Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (with music)*
2:00pm *Blue Christmas Service (with music)*
- 12/18 12:00pm *Noonday Prayer*
- 12/22 8:00am *Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (no music)*
10:00am *Children's Christmas Pageant*
- 12/24 5:00pm *Family Christmas Eve Service*
10:00pm *Candlelight Service*
- 12/29 10:00am *Lessons & Carols*