



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

***Morning Prayer
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025***

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Prelude: *All Praise to You, My God This Day*

T. Tallis/D. Wagner

Opening Sentence - *Please stand*

The Book of Common Prayer, page 76

Officiant

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer, page 79

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant & People (*together, kneeling as you are able*)

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.

Officiant

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

The Invitatory and Psalter – All Stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips,

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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. Alleluia.**

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

The Invitatory: Venite – S-35 - *Said at 8:00am and Sung at 10:00am*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh that today you would hearken to his voice!

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.

Psalm 1 – *Read responsively as instructed by the Lay Reader*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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 for the Readings

The First Reading is from Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal #544 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (stanzas 1 and 5)*

The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #188 *Love's redeeming work is done*

The Third Reading is from Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled

with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: Jill Schumacher

Please Stand as we say together

The Apostles 'Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers - *please kneel as you are able*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

Suffrage A - *Read responsively by Officiant and People*

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn #635 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Let us pray:

The General Thanksgiving – *Officiant and People together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Recessional Hymn #64 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal*

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: *Voices Raised to You*

Carolyn Jennings; arr. Charles Ore

Those Who Serve Today

Officiant: Jill Schumacher

Crucifer: Greg Schumacher

Lay Reader: Susan Courtney (8) / Greg Schumacher (10)

Prayers: Sunny Agee (8) / Dana Racette (10)

Ushers: John & Missy Agee

Sunday School: Debbie Wesley / Anna Schick

Altar Guild: Amy Shiflett

Counters: Linda Boxley / Sherry Morris

Intercessions

Church Members: John Schick, Mark Cole, Errol Flynn, Allen & Lisa Walton

Family of Church Members: Kristin Zonozi

Friends of Church Members: Owen, Keely Edwards, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For the clergy & congregations of Hanover with Brunswick (St. John's, Emmanuel, Lamb's Creek), King George; St. Anne's Parish (Christ, St. Stephen's, St. John's), Scottsville; St. John's, Tappahannock

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 those celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries/Thanksgiving:

20-Steve Lazicki; 22-Tom Farrell

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 on the table in the back. Thank you for joining us this morning.

The flowers on the altar are given by John, Amy & Anna Schick to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amy's Mom, *Shelby Millholland*.

Many thanks to Jill Schumacher for covering Morning Prayer today while Rev. Jennifer enjoys some sailing time. Please keep Rev. Jennifer in your prayers.

We will have Noonday Prayer this Wednesday, February 19th, beginning at 12:00pm.

The Vestry will meet via ZOOM this Wednesday beginning at 6:30pm. Rev. Jennifer sent the link to Vestry members earlier.

The Outreach Committee will host a lunch of Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup next Sunday following the 10:00am service. All donations will be matched by the Outreach Committee and sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund to support recovery efforts from the devastating fires in the Los Angeles region.

The St. James Choir will be hosting our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4th from 5-7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Next Sunday, February 23rd, The Rev. Frederico Garza will join us for Morning Prayer. He will be speaking about a ministry that provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Deacon Garza will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Frederico is an Episcopal deacon in the Diocese of Virginia. In addition to his speaker ministry, Frederico helps in the food pantry, homeless feeding, and Kairos Prison Ministry.

The readings for next week are: Old Testament-Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42; New Testament-1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Gospel-Luke 6:27-38