



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

***1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of our Lord
January 12, 2025***

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Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
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Prelude: Two Variations on the Hymn Tune *SALZBURG* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Processional Hymn #135 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

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

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.**

Gloria: Cantic 20 *Glory to God (Gloria in Excelsis)* (said or sung together)

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Collect of the Day *The Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 214

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

(please be seated for the Lessons)

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Response: Psalm 29 (Please turn to page 620 in *The Book of Common Prayer*)
(We will read responsively as instructed by the Lector)

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *To Jordan's River came our Lord*

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *(please stand)*

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

(moment of silence)

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows ~

Please stand and turn to page 292 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

Prayers of the People

(please kneel or be seated as you are able) (The congregation will read the italicized responses)

The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray, "Walk with us through the waters, O God; walk with us through the fire."

Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises. *Moment of Silence*

Walk with us through the waters, O God; ***Walk with us through the fire.***

O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. We pray for all those baptized. Strengthen the unity of the Church — those serving you in the east, west, north and south. *Moment of Silence*

Walk with us through the waters, O God; ***Walk with us through the fire.***

Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise. *Moment of Silence*

Walk with us through the waters, O God; *Walk with us through the fire.*

Break down the walls of division in our county and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands. *Moment of Silence*

Walk with us through the waters, O God; *Walk with us through the fire.*

Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trails. May they know that they are precious in your sight. We ask your prayers for those on our intercessions list, including: **Mark Cole, Greg Schumacher, Errol Flynn, David Purcell, LaVahn & Mary-Frances Hoh, Allen & Lisa Walton, Keely Edwards, Amy Pedigo, Debbie Jones, Jim Coleman, Jack Steele, Ann Forrestal, Kristin Zonozi, Carl Herndon, Sharon Lupichuk, Diana Rivera, Liz Blanchard, Zac Yarbrough, Felecia Christian, Tate Verling, John Cochran, and Nancy Miller.** *Moment of Silence*

Walk with us through the waters, O God; *Walk with us through the fire.*

Source and Parent of all, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, especially **Eric Kidwell and Susan Clark-Frith**, into glory everlasting. *Moment of Silence*

Walk with us through the water, O God; *Walk with us through the fire.*

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. *Moment of Silence*

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 yours 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

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Celebrant “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” *(Psalm 29)*

Offertory Anthem: *When Christ’s appearing was made known* 5th-c. text; 16-c. German melody

Doxology (*please stand*)

*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 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-130

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

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-164 *Jesus, Lamb of God*

**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.**

Communion Hymns

#120 *The sinless one to Jordan came*
#712 *Dona nobis pacem (Grant 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 Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn #448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* (stanzas 1-3, 6)

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Variations on the hymn tune *SALZBURG*

J. Pachelbel

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer: Linda Harvey

Chalice: Jill Schumacher

Lector: Sunny Agee (8) / Kathy Campbell (10)

Prayers: Susan Courtney (8) / Tom Woolfolk (10)

Ushers: Jan & Ann Wisniewski

Altar Guild: Linda Harvey

Counters: Randy Keil / Tom Woolfolk

Sunday School: Debbie Wesley / Dana Racette

Intercessions

Church Members: Mark Cole, Greg Schumacher, Errol Flynn, David Purcell, LaVahn & Mary-Frances Hoh, Allen & Lisa Walton

Family of Church Members: Amy Pedigo, Debbie Jones, Jim Coleman, Jack Steele, Ann Forrestal, Kristin Zonozi

Friends of Church Members: Keely Edwards, Carl Herndon, Sharon Lupichuk, Diana Rivera, Liz Blanchard, Zac Yarbrough, Felecia Christian, Tate Verling, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For the clergy & congregation of Christ Church, Luray

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: Eric Kidwell (Debbie Wesley's cousin's husband), Susan Clark-Frith (Jonathan Frith's Mother)

For those celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries/Thanksgivings:

12-Mary-Frances Hoh; 15-Kelsey Hill, Evie Jones; 18-Elizabeth Harvey

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 Altar Guild appreciates all who donated to the flower fund to purchase the Poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you donated money, please take a poinsettia home with you today.

The 4:00pm, Evensong Service today at St. John's Chapel was canceled. The next service will be at Sunrise on Easter Sunday.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place between the services next Sunday, January 19th.

The Vestry Retreat is scheduled for January 25th in the Parish Hall.

The ECW will meet @ 9:00am on Sunday, January 26th, in the Parish Hall.

The 2025 Flower Chart and Coffee Hour Schedules (8 & 10 o'clock) have been posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The Altar Guild schedule is posted in the Sacristy. Please take a few moments to check out availability on any or all and sign up where interested. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the church office or send an email.