



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

***3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22nd, 2023***

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**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
January 22, 2023**

Prelude

Processional Hymn #533 *How wondrous and great thy works, God of 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 & 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.

Gloria S-280 *(said or sung together)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 215

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(please be seated for the Lessons)

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (Please turn to page 617 in *The Book of Common Prayer*)
(*We will read responsively as instructed by the Lector*)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #581 *Where charity and love prevail*

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 (*please stand*)

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the Region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

(*silence*)

The Nicene Creed ~ Please stand and turn to page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

(please kneel or be seated as you are able)

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy”. For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of Your coming; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For **Michael Curry** our **Presiding Bishop**, for **Bishop Mark Stevenson** our own Bishop, for our **Reverend Jennifer** our **Rector**, for all bishops and other ministers; for the clergy and congregation of **St. Christopher’s, Springfield**; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who fear God and believe in You, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as You and the Father are one; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those in positions of public trust; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who live and work in this community. We pray for those on our intercessions list: **Mary-Frances Hoh, Sunny Agee, Cochran Garnett, Carol Coleman, David Eaton, Jeanne Franks, Jack Steele, Jimmy Jones, Daphne Stone Cook, Eric Jones, Greg Morris, Richard Bull, Nancy Miller, Jason Gehle, Chris Noel, John Cochrane, Chris Stanley, Cap Weaver, Chris Hall, Barbi B. Siemon, Louise Profit, Arthur Nachman, Bill Rough, Brenda Anderson, Jim McCoy, and Karen Weaver**; we pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including, **Kinley Frith** and **Carol Coleman**; and in thanksgiving for the birth of **Jacob Clark Frith**; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected; we pray for those serving in the military, especially, **Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser**; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all we do; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended; we pray to You, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray for... We pray to You, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of Your Church, especially **Duncan Garnett**, and for those whose faith is known to You alone, that, with James and all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal; we pray to You, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

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 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 Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: According to Thy Gracious Word

James Montgomery; W. A. Mozart; arr. Mark Schweizer

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-129

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.

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 Hymn #321 *My God, thy table now is spread*

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 God of heaven and earth, who revealed His only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless and keep you. Fill you with the light of Christ and may your concern for others reflect Christ's love. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer: Linda Boxley
Chalice: Lisa Walton
Lector: Dale Williams (8)/LaVahn Hoh (10)
Prayers: Kim Williams (8)/Greg Schumacher (10)
Ushers: Patty Madison/Sherry Morris
Altar Guild: Lisa Walton
Counters: Linda Boxley/Patty Madison
Sunday School: Debbie Wesley/Steven Trayer

Intercessions

Church Members: Mary-Frances Hoh, Sunny Agee, Cochran Garnett, Carol Coleman, David Eaton

Family of Church Members: Jeanne Franks, Jack Steele, Jimmy Jones, Daphne Stone Cook, Eric Jones, Greg Morris, Richard Bull, Nancy Miller, Jason Gehle

Friends of Church Members: Chris Noel, John Cochran, Chris Stanley, Cap Weaver, Chris Hall, Barbi B. Siemon, Louise Profitt, Arthur Nachman, Bill Rough, Brenda Anderson, Jim McCoy, Karen Weaver

For those in military service, especially: Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For the clergy and congregation of St. Christopher's, Springfield

For the departed: Duncan Garnett

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Thanksgivings:

26-Kinley Frith; 27-Carol Coleman

In thanksgiving for the birth of *Jacob Clark Frith* on January 6th. Proud family members are *Jonathan, Kristin & Kinley Frith (parents & sister), Patty & Greg Madison (grandparents), and Carol Coleman (great grandmother)* ~ Congratulations to all!

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. We want to know that you were here, so be sure to leave your contact information, including your email address, so that you can receive our weekly e-newsletter. Thank you for joining us this morning.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Ann & Jan Wisniewski to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their twenty-five years of love together and for their three wonderful daughters and their families.

The Vestry will have their Retreat January 27th-28th. They will begin Friday evening at 6:00 pm and conclude on Saturday by noon. All sessions of the retreat will be held in the Parish Hall. On Sunday, January 29th, new Vestry Members and Wardens will be installed at the 10:00am service.