

We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love, and serving others.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 2025

8:30 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

We wish a warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us here at St. James.

HAPPENING TODAY

Confirmation Informational Meeting in Green Hall for youth confirmands and their parents, following the 10:30 service.

UPCOMING

February 2 - Confirmation classes begin for youth and adults.

February 2 - St. James Concert Series welcomes husband and wife duo, Jihye Chang (piano) and Benjamin Sung (violin). 4:00 PM in Green Hall.

February 22 - Rose Garden Cleanup at 10:00 AM. No experience necessary. Bring your own clippers, gloves, etc. Want to contribute to the upkeep of the rose garden? Donations may be through our website at **stjamesfairhope.org**

Altar Flower Dedications - The 2025 flower dedication calendar is now available in Green Hall. When dedicating flowers, please be sure to <u>FILL OUT THE FORM</u> in addition to adding your info to the calendar. The form is how we know to whom your flowers are dedicated and how you'd like it to read in the bulletin (e.g. in honor of, memory of, etc.)

January Outreach

For the month of January, we are partnering with St. James School to collect the following items for Baldwin Family Village:

Paper towels, Pine-Sol, Small bottles of laundry detergent Collection basket located in Green Hall

February Outreach

Gently Used Shoes
Please bring your gently used athletic shoes to the collection bin in Green Hall
during the month of February.

Wildfire Assistance Resources

The Episcopal Relief and Development website has published a list of resources for those wanting to help those affected by the California wildfires.

Visit the website at

https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2025-wildfire-response/

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C Hymns and service music can be found at the back of the bulletin.

PRELUDE To A Wild Rose Edward Mac Dowell

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 497 How bright appears the Morning Star Wie schön leuchtet

OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE NO. 421

All glory be to God on high

Allein Gott in Der Höh

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven, and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given. We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise, O God, Almighty Father.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way,

eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

PSALM 19:7-14 Read responsively by whole verse

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

- By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- Who can tell how often he offends?
 * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds

of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley

Refrain: **O**:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend De Freeman

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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 worshiped 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.

Form III

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly

serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of

the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; and guide us we pray, that what we do in our building process would further your mission of love entrusted to us; for the honor and glory of your Name. **Amen**.

THE CONFESSION

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

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 ABSOLUTION BCP 360

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.**

THE PEACE The people stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 As we gather at your table Raquel

10:30 As We Gather at Your Table Eleanor Daley

THE DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

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 Jack Waren Burnam

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, Hosanna in the highest, the highest.

The people kneel or stand as they are able.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

FRACTION S-161 David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION AND MINISTRATION

All are welcome and encouraged to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. To receive the host (bread), place your hands together. You may immediately eat the host, or wait to dip it into the wine (intinction). To receive from the chalice, help the minister guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest after you receive the host. Receiving the host or wine alone is considered full communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn No. 370 stanza 6

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Hymn No. 711 Seek ye first

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you; Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you: Allelu, Alleluia!

Peace before us David Haas

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet. Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet. Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love. Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet. Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet. Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

A priest blesses the people.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO.539 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Tidings

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Piano Sonata in F Major, Allegro, K 322 W. A. Mozart

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SERVANTS

<u>8:30</u>

Ushers: Mark Redditt, Joe Strange, Paul Miller, Anne Pearson

Chalice Bearers: Lisa Hansen, Mary Pilcher,

Laura Jones, Alec Armbrecht
Lector: Matt Havard
Intercessor: Cappi Sully
Acolyte: Frances Patton
Welcome Ministry: Savan Wilson
Coffee Ministry: Mary Jensen

<u>10:30</u>

Ushers: Jonny Watson, Steve Carey, Bradley Byrne, Jim Laura

Chalice Bearers: Tiffany Dye, Margaret Cadden,

Bruce Stone, Andy Burton
Lector: Rebecca Byrne
Intercessor: Jim Beck
Acolytes: Marcella Covington,

Davis Randle, Wyatt Ayres, Jaden Williams Children's Chapel: Jane Tucker

Welcome Ministry: Nancy Watson

Clergy: The Reverend De Freeman
The Reverend Amanda Dosher
The Reverend Forbes Sirmon
Director of Music: Mary Katherine Kilgore

Associate Director of Music/Organist: Joe Setzer Altar Guild: 1/26: Dowdle/Wilson 2/2: Stabler/Webb

THE ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

Charlie Bassett, Jeanelle Clark, Clarkson Family, Ashley Conyers, Jack Grimsley, Rusty Godard, Ilse Hall, Patty Havard, Andrea Hawkins, Dianne Herring, Jim Herring, Sandy Hill, Andy Howard, Mickey Ladd, James Laura, Judy Macoit, Bill May, Patti Miller, Joe Palmer, Brenda Pisarkiewicz, John Pisarkiewicz, Pat Ponder, Joan Rice, Nancy Rowe, Bill Sims, Gillian Smith, Sam South, Ron Stevens, Joan Sulzmann, Carol Scott Thayer, Leslie Turnbull, Cynthia Wallace, John Wallace, Robin Williams, Sam Williams, Randal Wright, Susan Wynne, and those who care for them.

Let us also pray for the needs of others:

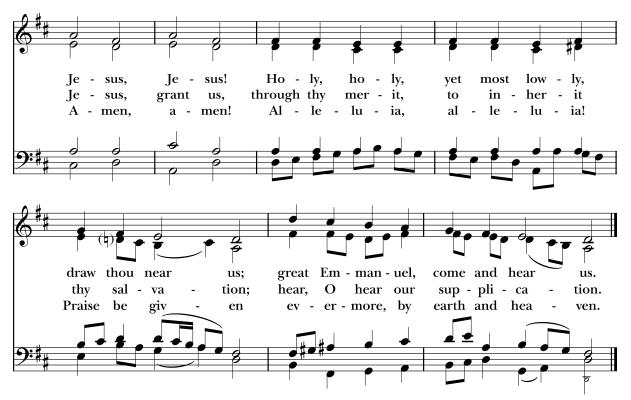
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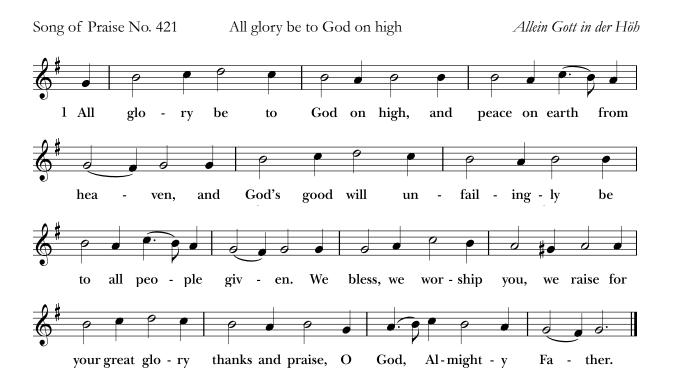
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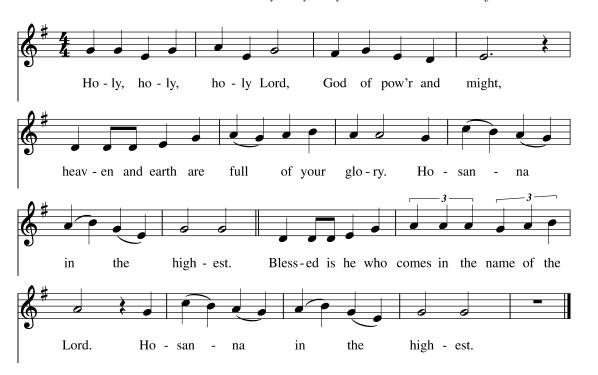
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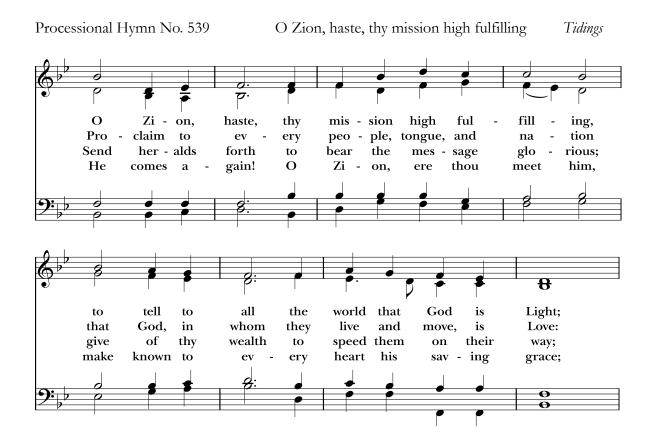




Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).









Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: Tidings, James Walch (1837-1901).

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The Reverend De Freeman, Rector The Reverend Amanda Dosher, Associate Rector The Reverend Forbes Sirmon, Chaplain & Associate Priest