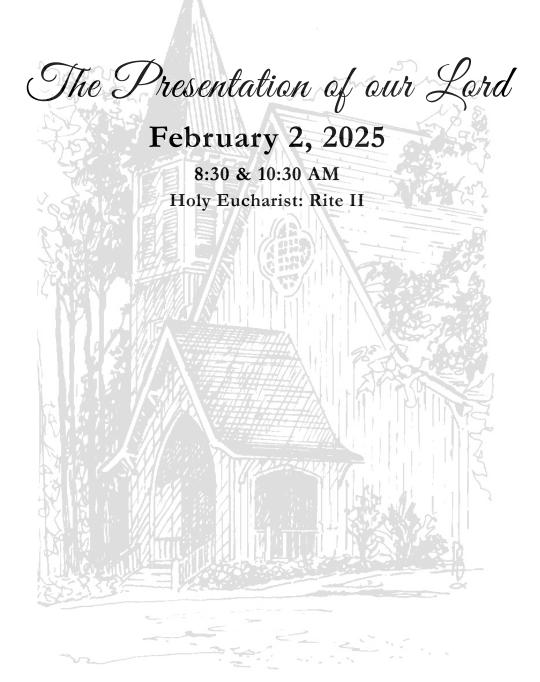
# St. James &

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



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

#### HAPPENING TODAY

#### Confirmation classes begin for youth and adults

St. James Concert Series welcomes husband and wife duo, Jihye Chang (piano) and Benjamin Sung (violin).
4:00 PM in Green Hall. A reception will follow in Green Hall.

#### **UPCOMING**

**February 16 - Parish Sendoff** for Father Forbes. Join us in Green Hall for a celebration honoring the Sirmon family! Between the 8:30 and 10:30 services AND following the 10:30 service.

**February 16 - Sung Compline** at 7:00 PM in the church.

**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** 

**February 28 - March 2 - Diocesan Men's Conference** at Camp Beckwith. To register or learn more, visit <a href="https://www.diocgc.org/event-registration">https://www.diocgc.org/event-registration</a> Registration forms are also available in the church office.

Questions for a Faithful Heart Adult Bible Study - Meets every other Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Vestry Room. Upcoming meeting dates are 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29.

**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.)

#### **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 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 - The Presentation of Our Lord, Year C Hymns and service music can be found at the back of the bulletin.

PRELUDE Variations on 'Lucis Creator' (Father of Lights) Jehan Alain

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place Brother James' Air

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.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### A READING FROM THE PROPHET MALACHI

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 84:1-6 Chanted by all.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of **hosts**! \* My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living **God**.
- The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her **young**; \* by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my **God**.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in **you**! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' **way**.
- Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of **springs**, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of **water**.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in **Zion**.

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN No. 489

The great Creator of the worlds (stanzas 1 - 4)

Tallis' Ordinal

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother

were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

THE SERMON The Reverend Amanda Dosher

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III

*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

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 Make Me a Light Philip Wilby

St. James Children's Choir

10:30 Christ, be our light arr. John Barnard

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.

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 S-128 William Mathias

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.

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-163 Robert Powell

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

I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light St. James Children's Choir Kathleen Thomerson

Ubi Caritas (alternate between Latin and English)

Taizé

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity: God will dwell with you.

Open Our Eyes, Lord

arr. David Allen

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Helen Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. 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.381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness Ton-y-Botel

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Improvisation on "This Little Light of Mine" Joe Setzer

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#### **SERVANTS**

<u>8:30</u>

Ushers: Bob Ford, Jim Daniell,
Ben Codding, Matt Havard

Chalice Bearers: Alec Armbrecht, Elaine Estefan,
Bill Dowdle, Mary Pilcher

Lector: Mac Walcott
Intercessor: Matt Havard
Acolyte: Frances Patton
Welcome Ministry: Terri Kennedy
Coffee Ministry: Sara Majors, Hanan Akel

10:30

**Ushers:** Randy Sternenberg, Brian Smith, Lee Griffin, Dave Barnette **Chalice Bearers:** Pel Henry, Bebe Goetter,

Bruce Stone, Roger Guilian

Lector: Bettsie Norton

Intercessor: Kim Ryland

Acolytes: Charlotte Guilian, Shepherd Smith, Woods Henry, Ida Mae Myrick, Sawyer Smith Children's Chapel: Alexandra Miller Welcome Ministry: Kathy Sternenberg

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: 2/2: Stabler/Webb 2/9: Estefan/Sully



#### 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:

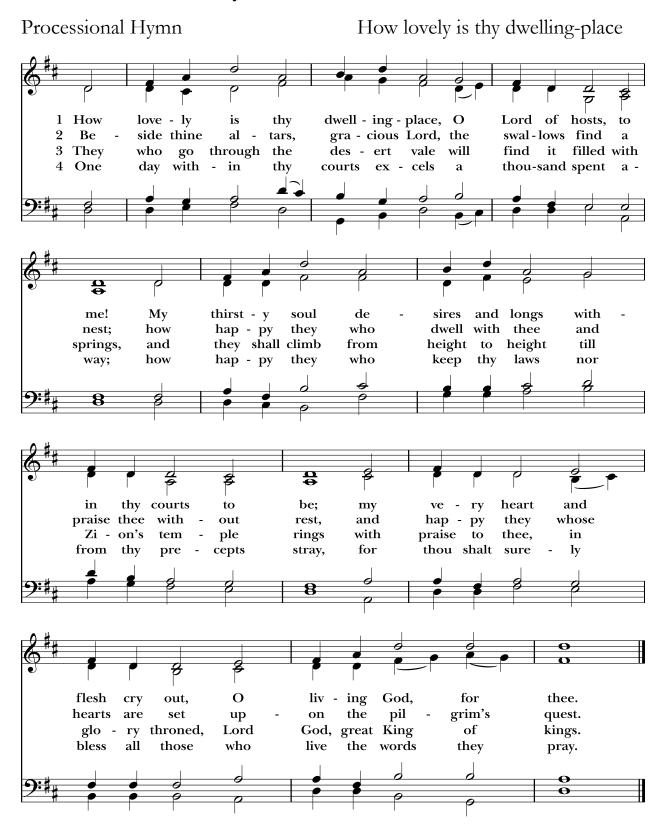
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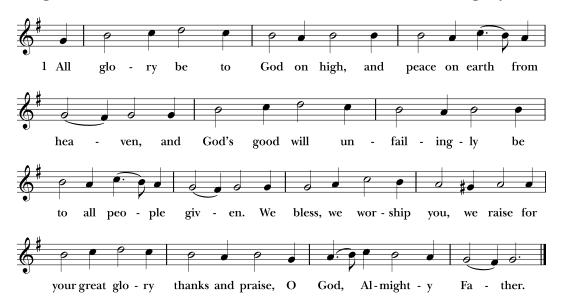
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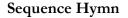
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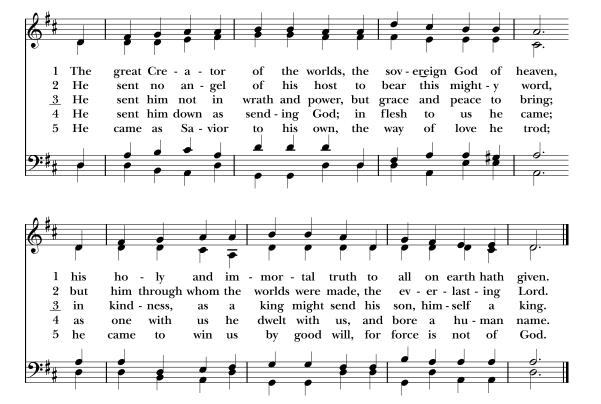
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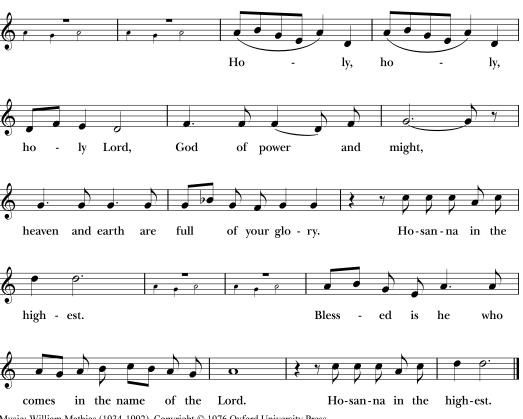




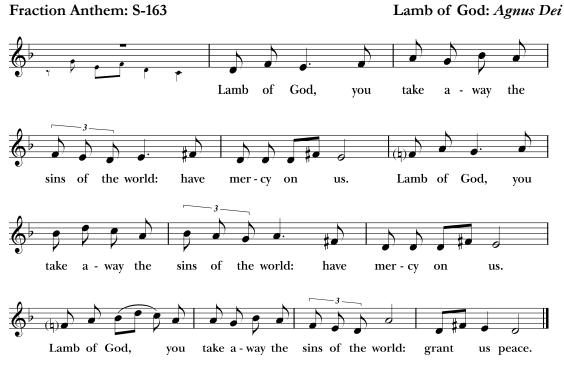
#### The great Creator of the worlds



#### Sanctus: S-128



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