

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Almighty God, we light these candles of Advent as symbols of the king who is coming into our world. Help us to be rescued from our sins and repent in your great mercy, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn 67

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Psalm 42

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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.**

Hymn 56

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Sts. 3-4

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - - - e's tree, free them from
tribes on Si - - - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's ty - - - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
Em - man - - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Romans 15:4–13

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1037

Commentary: In this chapter of Romans Paul developed a key concept of his writings, putting the welfare of others before your own. Paul urged unity within the church, not that everyone would think alike, but would respectfully agree to disagree. Fundamental harmony among believers would be shown by united praise of God in the assembly. Paul reminded his readers that they were to accept each other despite their differences because Jesus Christ graciously accepts everyone who comes to Him by faith. Accepting one another as fellow members of God's family glorifies the Lord. The context for Paul was unity between Jewish and Gentile Christians, but the principle remains unchanged: all are part of one body through faith in Jesus Christ.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

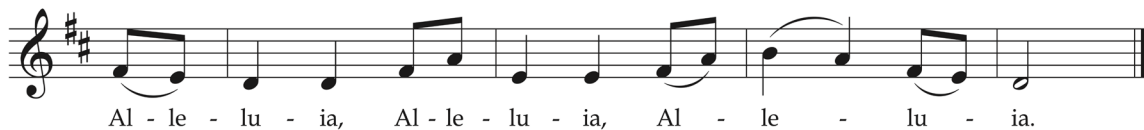
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

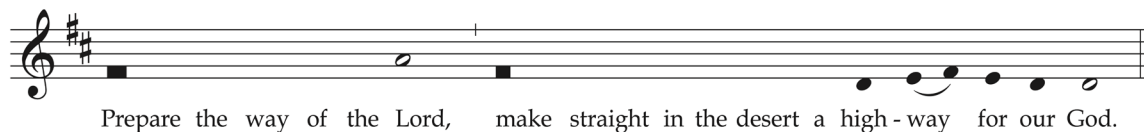
After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.

Sequence

After the organ introduces the theme, the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.



Verse



All repeat the Alleluias.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12

NRSV, p. 880

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people

of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together

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

The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and 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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Ian Higginson

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say,
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from Heav'n;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

That when next He comes in glory,
And the world is wrapped in fear,
With His mercy He may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
Be to God: the Father, Son
And the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

Presentation Hymn 380

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"
stanza 3

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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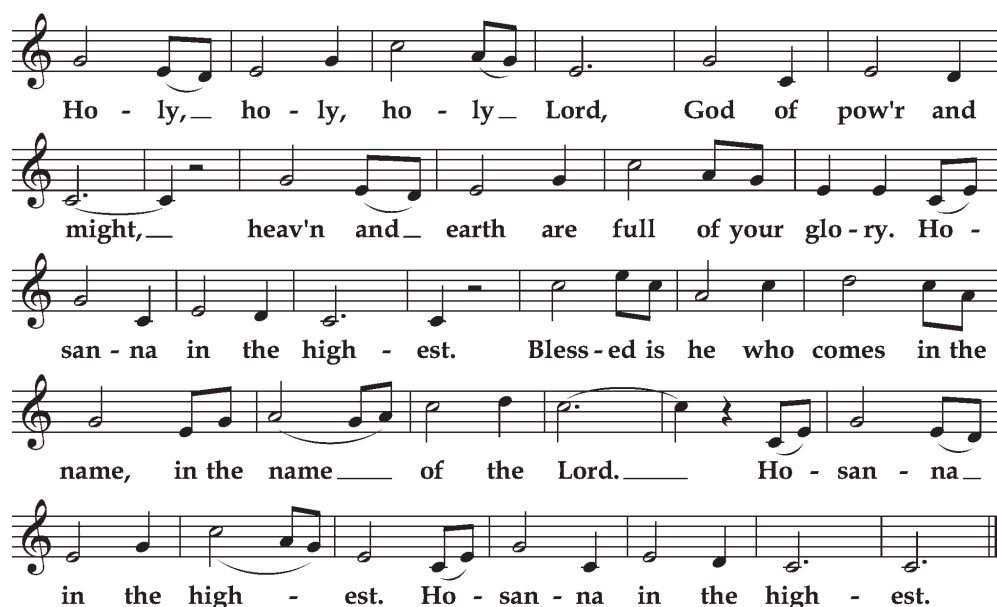
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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

Resignation



Ho - ly, - ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, God of pow'r and
might, - heav'n and - earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name, in the name - of the Lord. - Ho - san - na -
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Fraction Anthem S-152 “Christ our Passover”

Ambrosian chant

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Communion Hymns

Hymn 311 “O saving Victim, opening wide”

Verbum supernum prodiens

Hymn 54 “Savior of the nations, come!”

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Hymn 69 “What is the crying at Jordan?”

St. Mark's, Berkley

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 76

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

Winchester New

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Children's Chapel: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. P. Huber Hanes, Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. William A. Lambeth, Jr.*

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE’S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**- Waiting together in Song: Exploring the Hymns of Advent - *Great Hall or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS**- Serving Our Neighbors - *Stephen Ministry Room*
- **JUBL-LATTE ROUND TABLE** (6th-12th grades) - *Cookie’s Office*
- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th grades): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILDERS** (2nd and 3rd graders): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER** (3’s & 4’s): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*

ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES: AUTHOR DAVID ZAHL

JOIN US FOR “HOW REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS LEAD TO GRACE FOR OTHERS—AND OURSELVES”

The St. James Speaker Series is excited to offer the opportunity to hear David Zahl present “How Realistic Expectations Lead to Grace for Others—and Ourselves” on December 6th, 2022 at St. James Parish at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

David Zahl is founder and director of Mockingbird Ministries, which receives more than 1 million website pageviews per year and has 35,000 newsletter subscribers and social media followers. He is editor-in-chief of the Mockingbird blog and cohost of the Mockingcast podcast. Zahl wrote the critically acclaimed book *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do About It* and has written for Christianity Today, the Washington Post, and The Guardian. He lives with his wife and three boys in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he also serves on the staff of Christ Episcopal Church.



In his talk on “How Realistic Expectations Lead to Grace for Others—and Ourselves,”

Zahl encourages us to examine our expectations. Many of us spend our days feeling like we’re the only one with problems, while everyone else has their act together. But the sooner we realize that everyone struggles like we do, the sooner we can show grace to ourselves and others.

In *Low Anthropology*, popular author and pastor David Zahl explores how our ideas about human nature influence our expectations in friendship, work, marriage, and politics. We all go through life with an “anthropology”—an idea about what humans are like, our potential and our limitations. A high anthropology—thinking optimistically about human nature—can breed perfectionism, anxiety, burnout, loneliness, and resentment. Meanwhile, Zahl invites readers into a biblically rooted and life-giving low anthropology, which fosters hope, deep connection with others, lasting love, vulnerability, compassion, and happiness.

Zahl offers a liberating view of human nature, sin, and grace, showing why the good news of Christianity is both urgent and appealing. By embracing a more accurate view of human beings, readers will discover a lasting hope for others—and themselves.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

You are invited to participate in sharing the joy of tradition with the St. James Christmas Music & Flower Honorarium. We will be playing Christmas music and placing poinsettias and greens in honor of our loved ones this holiday season. You may submit your names online at stjamesp.org/poinsettia or by completing the form below and returning it to the church office prior to the end of the day on **December 18th. Names submitted after this date may not appear in the bulletin.**



One dedication per \$25 donation. Please PRINT clearly. Check one on each row:

☐ Christmas Flowers

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Name of Person Remembered: _____

Given by: _____

Please return your completed form to the church office with your check marked “Christmas Flowers: or “Christmas Music”

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DECEMBER 5-9

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
5:15 PM | TBA
- ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES:
RECEPTION FOR DAVID ZAHL
6:30 PM | Lippitt Room
- ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES:
AUTHOR DAVID ZAHL PRESENTS
7:00 PM | Great Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- STARBUCKS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

WEDNESDAY, Continued

- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- SOUTHERN HOLIDAY SUPPER
6:00 PM | Perry Hall - RSVP Requested

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- BROOKLYN MUSIC ARTS CENTER
PERFORMANCE
10:30 AM | Perry Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
10:10 AM | Parish House & Milton Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- ST. JAMES YOUTH: WRAP'N'YAP
5:00 PM | Youth Room

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 12th Digital Grapevine is December 9th.

The deadline for the December Grapevine Magazine is December 28th.

Email communications@stjamesp.org.

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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