



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 11 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 444

“Blessed be the God of Israel”

Thornbury

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. 5–6

5 O come, thou Key of Da - - - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high, and cheer us

wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads _____ on
by thy draw - ing night; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of

high, and close the path to mis - - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
night, and death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: James 5:7–10

The Holy Bible *NRSV*, p. 1104

Commentary: The author of this letter was a respected leader in the Jerusalem church (see Acts 15). The recipients of this letter were Jewish Christians who had fled persecution in Palestine following the death of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. James wrote to instruct and encourage his scattered flock. This letter is full of practical advice. In these verses, James urged his readers, rich and poor, to practice patience, knowing that their reward awaited at the judgment seat of Christ. Even now, the knowledge that Christ could return at any moment is motivation for His followers to live patiently and sacrificially every day.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the LORD. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

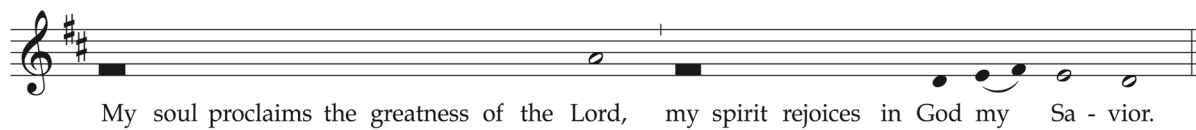
After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.

Sequence

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



Verse



All repeat the Alleluias.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

NRSV, p. 889

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.***continued overleaf*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

~Revelation 22; Adapted by Ruth Mantz

Presentation Hymn 380

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

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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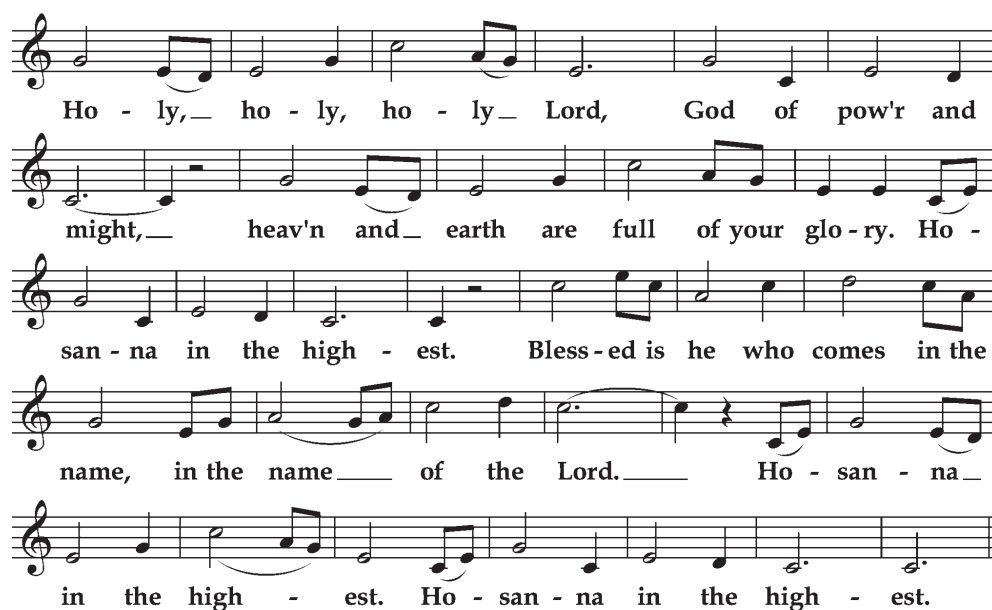
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

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 at the main altar, upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 314	"Humbly I adore thee"	<i>Adoro devote</i>
Hymn 60	"Creator of the stars of night"	<i>Conditor alme siderum</i>
Hymn 462	"The Lord will come and not be slow"	<i>York</i>

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 57

“Lo! he comes, with clouds decending”

Helmsley

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 Gray Hodsdon

Children's Chapel: Ansley Trask

Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Jane Miller Metts, Edwin Anderson Metts, Elizabeth Cotchett Metts
Elizabeth Metts Brown, James Fred Rippy III, Michael Corbett Brown, Sr.*

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*

ADVENT AT ST. JAMES

JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a time of joy and anticipation. Come join online and in-person opportunities to worship and engage with your St. James family. Please refer to the schedule below to see what offerings and services best fit your family!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- December 11: 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Waiting together in Song: Exploring the Hymns of Advent, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, St. James Children are invited to gather in preparation for the Christmas Pageant.
- December 18: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT during the 9:00 a.m. Service. 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Waiting together in Song: Advent and Beyond—how can we prepare for the difficult future ahead?, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, Children's Pageant Day Celebration

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

- December 24: 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., & 10:30 p.m.
- December 25: 10:30 a.m.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, December 11: Youth Wrap'N'Yap
- Saturday, December 17: Songs of the Season - Wilmington Voices Concert - 7:30 PM
- Sunday, December 18: Breadbreakers Event
- Monday, December 19: A Classical Christmas - A St. James Concert - 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 20: Baroque Christmas - Tallis Chamber Orchestra Concert - 7:30 PM
- Thursday, December 22: Gloria! - Unchambered Concert - 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

You are invited to participate in sharing the joy of tradition with the St. James Christmas Music & Flower Honorarium. 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of | <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of |

Name of Person Remembered: _____

Given by: _____

Please return your completed form with your check marked "Christmas Flowers: or "Christmas Music"

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DECEMBER 12-16

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
5:15 PM | TBA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- STARBUCKS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- WILMINGTON VOICES: SONGS OF
THE SEASON PERFORMANCE
7:30 PM | St. James

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

FOURTH 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 &
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 19th Digital Grapevine is December 16th.

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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