



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 18 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 73**

“The King shall come when morning dawns”

*St. Stephen*

## 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. 7–8*

7 O come, De - sire of na - - - tions, bind in one the  
8 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som  
hearts of all \_\_\_\_\_ man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - - - sions  
cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile  
cease, and be thy - self our King \_\_\_\_\_ of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
here un - til the Son of God \_\_\_\_\_ ap - pear.  
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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson: Romans 1:1–7**

The Holy Bible *NRSV*, p. 1026

*Commentary: Not much is known about the founding of the church in Rome, but it was probably established by Jewish Christians who settled there after the first waves of persecution dispersed believers throughout the ancient world. By the time Paul wrote this letter, probably in AD 56-57, the church in Rome had gained a reputation for steadfast faithfulness. In these opening verses of the letter, Paul set forth the most fundamental elements of Christianity, explaining that the gospel, which centers on Jesus Christ, fulfills God's promises that were revealed in the Old Testament.*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

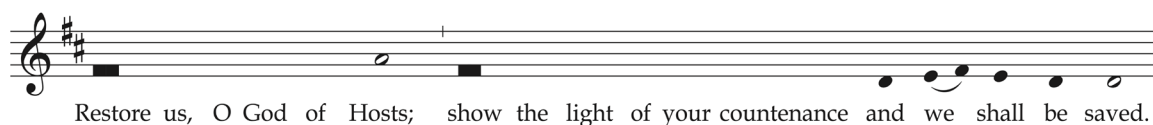
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**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 1:18–25**

*NRSV*, p. 879

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Christmas Pageant

### 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

Jessica Newton

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space;  
*Res miranda.* (A wonderful thing)

By that rose we may well see  
That he is God in persons three,  
*Pares forma.* (Of the same form)

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
*Gloria in excelsis deo:* (Glory to God on high)  
*Gaudeamus.* (Let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus.* (Let us go)

*text: 15th century English Carol*

**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**

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| Hymn 306 | “Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest” | <i>Sursum Corda</i> |
| Hymn 475 | “God himself is with us”                      | <i>Tysk</i>         |
| Hymn 71  | “Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes”      | <i>Bristol</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 Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard  
Assisting Priest: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Richard Henry Youngblood & Christine Ramsaur Youngblood; Raiford Graham Trask, Mable Dunn Hall Trask,  
Charles Ramsaur Youngblood.*

**FAITH FORMATION TODAY**

- **DISCIPLE’S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY-** Advent & Beyond- Taking the Spirit of Advent with us Through Life’s Challenges. Speaker- The Rev. Phillip Craig - *Great Hall or Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS-** Serving Our Neighbors at Christmas- *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 DURING ADVENT

- 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—Taking the Spirit of Advent with us Through Life's Challenges, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, Children's Pageant Day Celebration

### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

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

### OTHER ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 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
- Saturday, December 24: St. James Children's Choir-Singing at the 4:00 PM Service

### ONGOING PROGRAMS AND OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

- Weekday Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. on Zoom
- 1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:00 p.m. - Living Well in the Midst of Grief
- Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. - Starbucks High School Bible Study
- Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. - Eucharist
- Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice
- Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - St. James Choir Practice
- Education for Ministry

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC - DEADLINE TODAY

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](http://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 to the church office with your check marked "Christmas Flowers: or "Christmas Music"



# THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

## MON.- FRI., DECEMBER 19-23

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- SJDS CLOSED - CHRISTMAS BREAK  
School Resumes January 3, 2023

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 PM | Rev. Cheryl's Home
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | Great Hall
- A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS  
7:30 PM | St. James Parish

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING  
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
7:30 PM | St. James Parish

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- UNCHAMBERED: GLORIA!  
6:30 PM | St. James Parish
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM | Choir Room

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON  
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
4:00 PM | St. James Parish & Online
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
6:00 PM | St. James Parish & Online
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
10:30 PM | St. James Parish

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

### CHRISTMAS DAY

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
10:30 AM | St. James Parish & Online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 26<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is December 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
The deadline for the December Grapevine Magazine is December 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto: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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