

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

All directions about kneeling and standing are for those who are able.

Masks are required and should cover nose and mouth.

The nursery is open and available, but not staffed.

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake!

8:30

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

10:45

ARR. PHILIP BRUNELLE

The People stand as the Ministers enter.

THE OPENING HYMN

Sung on Sunday

Hymn 61

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

WACHET AUF

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Sung by a cantor at 8:30 and choir at 10:45

Designated family or individuals come forward to light candles on the advent wreath.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ARR. WAYNE WOLD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 Savior. **Amen.**

The People may kneel or stand.

KYRIE

Spoken at 5:30 and 8:30; sung at 10:45

Hymn S96

SCHUBERT

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Greeting

This is a Biblical greeting found in the book of Ruth where Boaz greets those working in the field with the phrase, "The Lord be with you" (Ruth 2:4). It has been an important part of Christian liturgy for centuries.

Scripture Lessons

The new church year starts with the season of Advent, this year on December 4 & 5. This is liturgical Year C beginning in 2021 and lasting most of 2022. It especially highlights the Gospel of Luke among Matthew, Mark and John. In worship at St. James, we usually read Scripture lessons from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Concluding the Readings

Lectors who read the first and second readings have the option of concluding the lesson by saying "the Word of the Lord," or "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." In either case, the people respond by saying, "Thanks be to God," as traditionally has been said at the close of lessons from scripture.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE *Sung at 10:45*

PSALM 25:1-9

When spoken the psalm may be said in unison, responsively by whole verse, or responsively by half verse.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from ever-lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL HYMN *Sung at 10:45*

Hymn 57 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* HELMSLEY

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

To honor the teachings of Jesus, all turn to face the Gospel procession.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

Reader The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Quotes, Poems & Pithy Sayings

Daily we can make an Advent examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion?

Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts?

Do we look down upon others

of lesser social standing or educational achievement?

Are we generous with the gifts

that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards

and not their owners?

Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation?

These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.

—Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*

Praise and honour to you, living God,
for John the Baptist,
and for all those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way.
May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey.

—From the Advent liturgy in the New Zealand Prayer Book

THE SERMON

THE REV. DAWN M. FRANKFURT

After a period of silent reflection, together we stand to say The Nicene Creed.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

The People may kneel or stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DERIVED FROM TAIZÉ

<i>Reader</i>	O Wisdom, coming from the mouth of the Most High! You reign over all things from one end of the earth to the other; come and teach us the way of wisdom.
<i>People</i>	Lord Jesus, come soon!
<i>Reader</i>	O God and Leader of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai; come with outstretched arm and ransom us.
<i>People</i>	Lord Jesus, come soon!
<i>Reader</i>	O Morning Star, Splendor of Light eternal and bright Sun of justice; come and shine on all who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.
<i>People</i>	Lord Jesus, come soon!

About the Nicene Creed

The version of the Nicene Creed we use follows the Greek original precisely by saying “was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,” thus emphasizing that Mary was an active, rather than passive, participant in the Incarnation (Luke 1:38). It also follows the Greek and Latin (and English of Rite One) by using “who” rather than “he” in the Holy Spirit section.

The words “and the Son,” are not a part of the original Greek text. They were added later to some Latin translations.

These changes are made as we adopt the use of more expansive language in worship.

Reader O Creator of the nations, you alone can fulfill their desires; Corner stone, you make opposing nations one; come and save us. You formed us all from clay.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Reader O Emmanuel, Hope of the nations and their Savior; come and save us, Almighty God.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Reader The Spirit and the Bride say, Come!

People **Amen! Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Presider Jesus, joy of our hearts, your Gospel assures us that the reign of God is in our midst, and the gates of simplicity, and those of innocence, open within us.

EXHORTATION OF THE LAW

Presider Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People may kneel as a period of silence is observed.

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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of Christ and are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List & Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one are ill or in need and you would like to be included in our parish prayers, please contact the church office at 683-5686 or email us at office@stjameswichita.org.

If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office. Security cautions and privacy concerns limit our ability to respond without direct information from you or your family.

Please do not trust social media to pass your news along, and don't leave it to the grapevine to deliver the word for you. This parish cares for you, desires to lift you in prayer, and will respond personally when appropriate and requested.

**Thanksgiving Prayer That We
May be Renewed**

Loving God, bless our food
and drink, our friendship and
our laughter that we may be
renewed in body, mind, and
spirit to work together
for the coming of your
kingdom of justice, love, and
peace. Amen. By Maureen
Edwards, Blessed be our Table

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember
that your brother or sister has something against you, leave
your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled
to them; then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Soon and Very Soon ANDRAE CROUCH, ARR. M. BURKHARDT

Please stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN *Sung by all on Sunday morning.*

Hymn 65 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

THE PRESENTATION

Presider All things come of you, O God.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING — EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to
give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For
when your Son humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
Jesus fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the
world, to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your
promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our
Lord will come again in glory. 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 to the glory of
your Name:

SANCTUS *Spoken at 5:30 and 8:30; sung at 10:45*

Hymn S130 SCHUBERT

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People may kneel or stand.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God,
for the goodness and love
which you have made known to us in creation;
in the calling of Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days
you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.
In Christ, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us,
our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command,

All

**We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Savior of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ
and his Blood of the new Covenant.
Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,
through whom we are acceptable to you,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
put all things in subjection under your Christ,
and bring us to that heavenly country where,
with St. James and all your saints,
we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children;
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation.

A Scottish Grace

Praise to God who giveth
meat.

Convenient unto all who
eat.

Praise for tea and buttered
toast,

Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

*From Saying Grace, Sarah
McElwain*

A Word of Thanks

For health and strength and daily food; for all the joys that make life worth living; for the opportunity to help those who need us so very much, we give you thanks, O God. In Jesus' name. Amen.
From Pilgrim Prayers for Mealtimes, Alexander Campbell

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider
All

And now, in the words Christ our Savior has offered, we pray:
**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.**

AGNUS DEI Hymn S164

Sung at 10:45

SCHUBERT

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 TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation or similar words.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

As you come forward to receive Holy Communion., please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

My Lord, What a Morning

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, ARR. A.K. ORGAN

At the conclusion of Communion, a moment of silence is observed.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand

All

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

All People seeking to know Jesus Christ and the love of God more deeply are invited to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.

Please inform an usher if you need to receive Communion at your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come forward so that you might receive a blessing instead.

BLESSING FOR ADVENT

Presider

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May our Savior, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you for always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

CLOSING PROCESSION

Hymn 72

Hark, the Glad Sound!

RICHMOND

DISMISSAL

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hark, The Glad Sound!

ARR. KRISTINA LANLOIS

**Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
with great love and gratitude for the life of Richard “Dick” Williams
by Diana Williams.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presider: The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

Deacon: The Rev. Jeff Roper

Acolytes: Alexis Walter-Fletcher

Lectors: Sandra Bradley, Dakota Bennett, Necia Rillema, Joan Moore,
Mary Druding, Suzanne Laycock, LoWaine Robison, Jeanne Kroeker

Ushers: Michael Kephart and Dan Dye

Musicians: Marlene Hallstrom, organist; St. James Choir;
Rick Milhon, soprano saxophone

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Harvest Time

Loving God, all that we have comes from your goodness and the work of those who love us. Bless us and the food we share. Watch over those who care for us. Open our eyes to the needs of the poor during this time of harvest and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *From Blessings and Prayers through the Year, Elizabeth McMahon Jeep*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he conquered death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

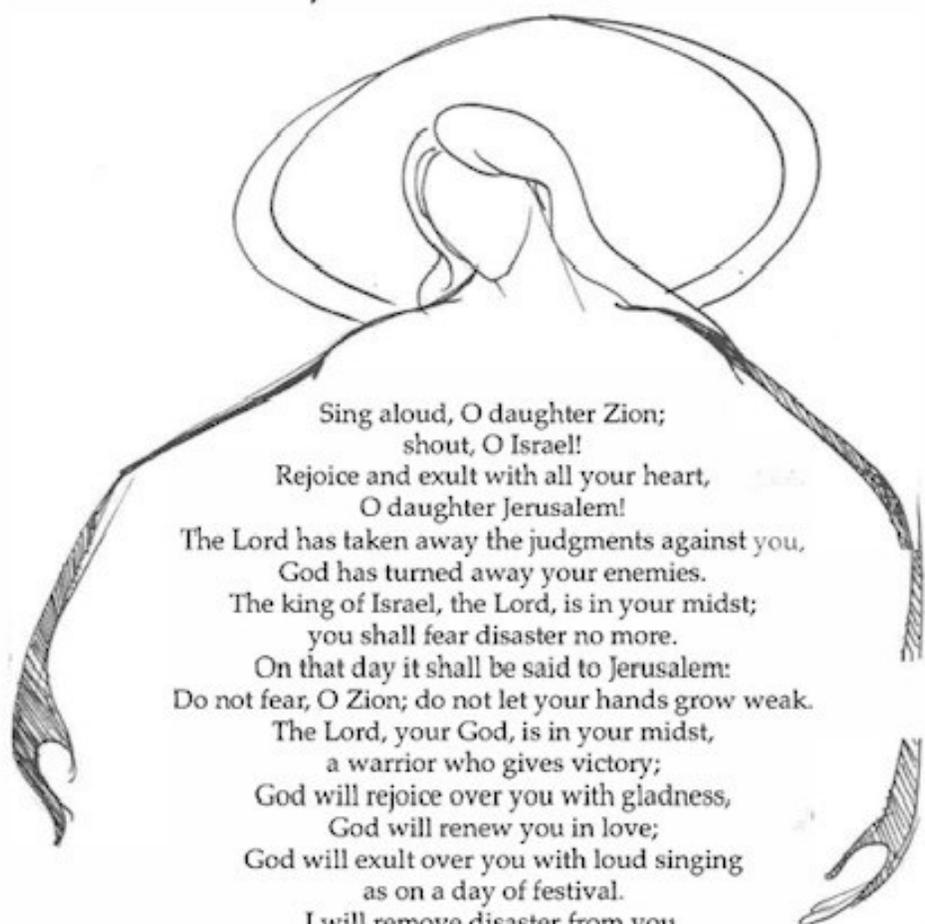
Book of Common Prayer

The Hand that Made the Hands

For the hands that tilled,
for the hands that harvested,
for the hands that processed,
for the hands that transported,
for the hands that stocked,
for the hands that sold,
for the hands that bought,
for the hands that prepared,
for the hands that will hold,
for the hand that made the hands,
our hearts are forever grateful. Amen.

By Ewan Aitken, Blessed be our Table

Scriptural Theme



Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
God has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
God will rejoice over you with gladness,
God will renew you in love;
God will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise and renown
in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Art by Sally Lynn Askins

WELCOME

**WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF
ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all.

It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned.

It is radical and universal.

We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left.

As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God.

Engaging God is a lifelong process.

Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here.

Our hearts are open to God and to you.

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The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon

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