



**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS**

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

**HOLY COMMUNION
ON SUNDAY IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST**

*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

Christmas Concerto Op. 6, No. 8

ARCANGELO CORELLI

(Vivace, Grave, Allegro, Adagio, Allegro, Adagio)

Bells may be rung.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE OPENING HYMN

Hymn 100

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Minister of the Word
People

Grace and peace in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Minister of the Word God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Minister of the Word Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

THE OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 147

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.]
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL HYMN

Hymn 324

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

THE GOSPEL**JOHN 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Minister of the Word Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

The People may kneel or stand.

Reader Sisters and brothers, in Jesus, God's Word became flesh to birth love in our hearts and peace in our world. As we celebrate this gift of life in Christ, let us pray for the church and the world saying, "O God of Love, draw us together in peace."

Reader Your messenger announces peace in shouts of breathless joy; drive out the warring ways of our world and protect all who face danger this day as you guide our feet to travel with the One who is your peace.

People **O God of Love, draw us together in peace.**

Reader Your Word comes with justice to rule the earth with fairness; inspire the leaders of all nations and citizens of the world to order our economic lives to promote dignity and equality for all in your global household.

People **O God of Love, draw us together in peace.**

Reader Mountains and rivers clap and sing as your Word makes all things new; awaken us to the damage we do to your world and mend our ways, that all creation might breathe again the liveliness of your blessing.

People **O God of Love, draw us together in peace.**

Reader When shepherds met your newborn Christ they eagerly ran to tell the news; make us joyful messengers of your good news who freely share your love in the world.

People **O God of Love, draw us together in peace.**

Reader In Jesus, your love takes on human form to seek us out and guide us home; may Christ be born in us today to lead us into the lives for which we were made.

People **O God of Love, draw us together in peace.**

Reader From your majesty on high to the lowliness of the stable, your Word has power to sustain all things, and through him we become your precious children; comfort those who are hungry, sick, or suffering, and in all our afflictions anoint us with the oil of gladness as you visit us with your salvation.

People **O God of Love, draw us together in peace.**

Reader Unto us a child is born this day, to live and die and rise again; bless all who are born today and all who will die, that your will for them may be fulfilled in the one who is the way, truth, and life.

People **O God of Love, draw us together in peace.**

Reader O God, receive our prayers through Christ who is our glorious light. May we, like Christ, shine forth like the sun in bodies, breath, and beating hearts to sing your praise forevermore,

People **and as holy partners in a heavenly calling, dwell with you eternally. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister of the Word Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will and People in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Minister of the Word Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Minister of the Word The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Leader With grateful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, in the name of our Savior, Jesus, and with thanks to God for the abundance of our blessings.

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Pastorale ad libitum from "Christmas Concerto"

ARCANGELO CORELLI

THE PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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 MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Minister of the
Reserved Sacrament* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

In Dulci Jubilo

GILBERT MARTIN

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Minister of the
Reserved Sacrament* Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

THE GRACE

*Minister of the
Reserved Sacrament* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 99 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

POSTLUDE

Vivace and Allegro from "Christmas Concerto" ARCANGELO CORELLI

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Service Leaders: Deb Bagby, Danny Blair and Rick Milhon

Crucifer: Danny Blair

Lectors: Dave McDonald, Suzanne Laycock and Necia Rillema

Ushers: Deb Hager and Michael Kephart

Musicians: Marlene Hallstrom, organist; Nils Maletz, recorder; Zoe Maletz, violin;
Susan Mayo, cello

**THE CHRISTMAS GREENS AND POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND...**

- In loving memory of Christopher De Los Santos by Dayana Viveros
- In loving memory of John Decker by Ian McMains
- In thanksgiving for our family and in loving memory of our loved ones by Terry and Janet Newell
- In thanksgiving for and in loving memory of friends and family by Deb Brinegar
- In thanksgiving for our family and our St. James family by Robin and Jane Spurrier
- In loving memory of Colleen Didier by Jennifer King
- In thanksgiving for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and for the people of St. James, who, for 23 years, have made Christmas a reality for hundreds of families by Mary Druding
- In thanksgiving for children and in loving memory of Dean and Harriett Clark and Roy and Mary Selenius by Paul Clark and Dottie Evans
- In thanksgiving for my family by Susan Stallings
- In loving memory of Janet and Don Yoder by Orville and Sandra Brown
- In thanksgiving for the love, dedication and service of this parish to the Wichita community by Mark and Suzanne Laycock
- In loving memory of George Miller Jr., Ramona Goering Keenan and Larry Keenan by Todd and Katherine Keenen Miller and family
- In loving memory of Patricia Bayles and Justin Bayles by Joseph Bayles
- In loving memory of James Hefling and Donald Harder by Chase and Jessica Moore
- In thanksgiving for my children, mom and friends and in loving memory of my grandparents and my dad by Diane Schawe
- In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Lowell and Marcia Wilder
- In loving memory of Richard "Dick" Williams by Diana Williams
- In thanksgiving for our family by Hew and Judy Goodpasture
- In loving memory of Charles and Evelyn Tanner by Terry and Gerry House

- In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren and in loving memory of Betty and Bob Gossen, Tom and Monetta Ohlsen by Tom and Diane Gossen
- In thanksgiving for our church family and in loving memory of our deceased loved ones by Mary and Delmar Klocke
- In thanksgiving for family, friends and good health by Tom and Peggy Zerger
- In thanksgiving for St. James and the wonderful people in it by Deb Hager and Paula Skinner
- In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Paul and Necia Rillema
- In thanksgiving for my family by Deb Bagby
- In loving memory of Cheryl Porter by Barbara Orsak
- In thanksgiving for Spencer Henry by Robin Henry and Paul Leeker
- In thanksgiving for family and friends, especially our St. James family, and in loving memory of John and Jan Siefkes and Dennis and Janie Moore by Joan, Gracie, Eve and Noelle Moore
- In loving memory of A.B. (Jack) Davis and Jacquelyn Davis, Grant Davis and Rolland Enoch by Liz Enoch and family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know we have a **redesigned website**? Visit www.stjameswichita.org.

Photos from our **100th anniversary celebration** can be viewed on our website by clicking on the “Engage” menu and then on “100th Anniversary and Labyrinth Bricks.” There you’ll find a link to the photographer’s website and the password.

If you want your **pledge to count for 2021**, please turn it in by noon Monday, Dec. 27.

If you haven’t filled out a **pledge form**, there are blank copies available at the front desk and at the back of the church.

Children’s Chapel and Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, upstairs in the children's area. We are learning about John the Baptist. Ages preschool to fifth grade are welcome to join.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Please note: The office will be **closed** Monday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 31.

We will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 28, 29 and 30.

There is NO service at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1.

Saturday, Dec. 25

10 a.m. — In-person worship service

Sunday, Dec. 26

9:30 a.m. — Coffee Hour

10 a.m. — In-person worship service

Monday, Dec. 27

5:30 p.m. — Online contemplative prayer group

Wednesday, Dec. 29

6 p.m. — Online evening Bible study

Sunday, Jan. 2

8:30 a.m. — In-person worship service

9:30 a.m. — In-person children's Sunday school

9:45 a.m. — Adult Forum

9:45 a.m. — Youth Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — In-person and online worship

10:45 a.m. — In-person children's chapel

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