



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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ARR. MICHAEL BEDFORD

The People stand as the Ministers enter.

THE OPENING HYMN

Sung at 10:45

Hymn 56

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Sung by a cantor at 8:30; sung by choir at 10:45

Light Four Candles 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.

What We Believe

We believe in One God who creates all things, redeems us from sin and death, and renews us as the Children of God. We believe the mission of the Church is restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

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.**

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 the Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

MICAH 5:2-5A

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

THE RESPONSE

CANTICLE 15

LUKE 1:46-55

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices

and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 265

The Angel Gabriel

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-55

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my

Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

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

Reason

Each person, with God's help, makes a decision about how to use tradition and Scripture in life. The gift of reason, as a complement to Scripture and tradition, leads us to seek answers to our own questions and to grow spiritually.

Quotes, Poems & Pithy Sayings

View the present through the promise,

Trust despite the deepening darkness,

Lift the world above its grieving

through your watching

and believing in the hope

past hope's conceiving:

Christ will come again.

— Thomas H. Troeger

About the Nicene Creed

In the Episcopal Church, we say both the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed in our worship. When we openly declare our beliefs we unite ourselves to Christians in the past, present and future. The Nicene Creed was written in the year 325 by early bishops meeting in Nicaea. It is a statement which summarizes the Christian faith.

Book of Common Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is our guide to worship and devotion. Two-thirds of the BCP comes directly from the Old and New Testaments. Many of our prayers and hymns are also filled with scripture. Our service today follows the order first established by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, in 1549. Our current BCP, last revised in 1979, includes services of Morning and Evening Prayer as well as sacramental services such as Holy Baptism.

THE SERMON

THE REV. JEFF ROPER, DEACON

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>	Renew in us, Lord, the joy of your call.
<i>People</i>	Be with us, Lord Emmanuel!
<i>Reader</i>	Send upon us your Spirit of love: may we never shut our hearts to our neighbor.
<i>People</i>	Be with us, Lord Emmanuel!
<i>Reader</i>	Renew the unity between Christians: may they manifest your love by their communion.
<i>People</i>	Be with us, Lord Emmanuel!

Reader Support those who suffer in their hearts or in their flesh: restore them to peace and health.

People **Be with us, Lord Emmanuel!**

Reader Welcome those who have died into the life of eternity: may their eyes see the light that never sets.

People **Be with us, Lord Emmanuel!**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider Jesus, light of our hearts, we would like to remain close to you, never abandoning you by the wayside. When we come to know our weaknesses, unexpected resources appear within us. How could we refuse such an inner vitality coming from you?

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 Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ. Please greet each other refraining from physical contact with those outside your household safety bubble.

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Your Generosity

The gifts you give to St. James are tokens of the open-hearted love of God and this congregation. If you have not made a pledge to give to the church in 2022, please consider your opportunity to do so. There are blank pledge sheets in the back of the church and at the front desk. You may complete one and return it in the offering plate today, or return it by mail to the church office. No gift is too small. The vitality of our community depends on your willing participation. God bless you for your generosity.

The Worship Service

In worship, we gather to hear God's Word, confess our faith through the creeds, offer prayers, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Every worship service includes the reading of Holy Scripture. When we share the Sacrament of Communion, we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We receive the body and blood of Christ and through it, by God's grace, we are reconciled into the unity of the Body of Christ.

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 and go; first be reconciled to them, then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

8:30 *Lo, How a Rose, E'er Blooming*

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

10:45 *Lo, How a Rose, E'er Blooming*

MICHAEL PRAETORIOUS

Please stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN *Sung at 10:45*

Hymn 65 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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.

Quotes, Poems & Pithy Sayings

Born in the night, Mary’s
Child,

a long way from your
home;

Coming in need, Mary’s
Child,

born in a borrowed room.

—Geoffrey Ainger

Scrooge

bah humbug...

bah...animals lowing nearby

hum...the night is still

Baby born

unto us

God’s grace grasped!

—Dawn Darwin Weeks

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

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

AGNUS DEI

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

Hymn S164

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

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

ARR. CURT OLIVER

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.

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 *Sung at 10:45*

Hymn 74 *Blest Be the King Whose Coming* VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

People Look East

ARR. WAYNE WOLD

**Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Caroline Rudnick-Rowley by her loving family.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presider: The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

Preacher and Deacon: The Rev. Jeff Roper

Acolyte/Crucifer: Sandra Bradley, Deb Bagby, Jared Rowland

Lectors: John Robison, Dakota Bennett, Vicki Petty, Jay Price, Jeanne Kroeker,
Paul Leeker and Robin Henry

Ushers: Deb Hager and Racine Zackula

Musicians: Marlene Hallstrom, organist; St. James Choir

Journeying the Way of Love

As we come closer to the joy and promise of the Incarnation, we invite you to continue journeying the Way of Love. Consider this week which of the seven practices captured your imagination this Advent. Which challenged you or brought the most joy? Where did you find blessings or cross boundaries? Where is God calling you to witness to salvation being birthed into the world today? For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove.

Sunday, December 19

WORSHIP

Linger before leaving your worship time today. How is God calling you to hear and sing along with Mary's Song? Read Luke 1:39-55.

Monday, December 20

GO

Go out into your neighborhood today. Where is God at work? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate that good work and name God's presence in your community.

Tuesday, December 21

LEARN

Read Habakkuk 2:1-4. Does this reading remind you of Thomas the disciple? Why do you think the folks who organized the lectionary picked this reading from the Old Testament for this friend of Jesus?

Wednesday, December 22

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 4, found on page 212 in The

Book of Common Prayer. Pick three or four of your beloveds to focus your prayers on today. Make sure to leave some silent space for God to offer you some wisdom about what they may need right now.

Thursday, December 23

BLESS

Make sure to pick up an extra present or two — a nice candy sampler or a warm pair of slippers or pajama pants, just in case you have extra friends or guests drop by. Ask God to bless those who travel and those who may be alone in the coming days. Take some bottled water and sports drinks over to your local community cold weather shelter. They will be extra glad to have that during the winter months.

Friday, December 24

TURN

If you are gathering with friends and family today, consider taking time during the meal to turn to the folks on your right, and then on your left, to thank them for their love in your life. See how this might spread some joy and comfort around the table — or maybe even ease some potentially prickly guests.

Saturday, December 25

REST

The conventional wisdom is that new parents should rest when the baby is resting. Make sure you take some time out to rest with Baby Jesus — and marvel in the wonder of a fresh, new, clean, shiny, tiny, precious start. Take a nap and thank God for the gift of Jesus and for peace at Christmas.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Greening of the Church

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 21

Christmas Eve Services

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. congregational singing, music, blessing of the crèche, staffed childcare in the nursery, and festive Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. choral and congregational singing, music, and festive Holy Eucharist with live-streaming on our YouTube channel

11:00 p.m. with incense and congregational singing

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 25

NO 5:30 p.m. service

The first Sunday after Christmas, December 26

10:00 a.m. service of music, readings, and Communion from the reserved Sacrament

New Years Day

Saturday, January 1, 2022

NO 5:30 p.m. service

The Second Sunday after Christmas, January 2

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 am. Service of Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. Children's and Youth Sunday School, Adult Forum

The Epiphany of our Lord (observed)

Services of Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Saturday, January 8

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 am., January 9

Live on Christmas Eve

Join us online at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve for a livestream presentation of our service at www.youtube.com/c/stjameswichita. The service will remain online on YouTube and the parish website after the live broadcast so you may view it online at your convenience.

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.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Loving ~ Liberating ~ Life-Giving

The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

The Rev. Dillon Green, Curate

The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon

Marlene Hallstrom, Organist and Director of Music

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

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