



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ARR. BY A.D. MILLER

The People stand as the Ministers enter.

THE OPENING HYMN

Sung on Sunday

Hymn 66

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTIGART

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

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

Light Three 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

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, he 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; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he 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, says the Lord.

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 9

ISAIAH 12:2-6

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

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.**

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 SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 679

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

THOMAS MERTON

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:7-18

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked

him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

Reader 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

May the forgiving spirit of Him

to whom we dedicate this season

prevail again on earth.

May hunger disappear and terrorists

cease their senseless acts.

May people live in freedom,

worshiping as they see fit, loving others.

May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved.

May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme.

—From Soundings

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. 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>	God our Father, you sent your only Son in order to reconcile all things to you.
<i>People</i>	<i>See, God is coming to our aid.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Son of the living God, you shared our humanity and you gave your life for the salvation of the world.
<i>People</i>	<i>See, God is coming to our aid.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Holy Spirit, you came down upon Christ and you pour out God's love upon all human beings.
<i>People</i>	<i>See, God is coming to our aid.</i>

Reader O Christ, may your incarnation and your birth make us love our human condition.

People **See, God is coming to our aid.**

Reader May your faithfulness on earth make each of us faithful in our commitment.

People **See, God is coming to our aid.**

Presider Christ Jesus, you were a human being; you know how humans aspire to inner peace. Our soul asks you: give us peace within. And in our darkness, kindle the fire of your forgiveness and your compassion, a fire which never dies away.

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.

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 *Variations on "Savior of the Nations, Come"* ARR. CURT OLIVER
10:45 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ARR. THOMAS BECK

Please stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN *Sung by all on Sunday morning*

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.

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*

Quotes, Poems & Pithy Sayings

During Advent,
opportunities for works of
charity abound, calling out
for Christians from every
side: a sack of food for a
needy family, money
dropped in a Salvation
Army kettle, a donation to
an Indian school, a toy for
‘Toys-for-Tots,’ etc.
Unfortunately, these works
of charity so easily can
assuage the Christian
conscience, while doing
nothing to bring about a
solution to the root causes
of the problem.

Works of justice, on the
other hand, follow the road
less traveled of Advent’s
hope to pursue solutions
for difficult problems. Hope
comes through works of
justice rather than simply
performing works of
charity.

— Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR,
Gift of Wonder

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

Spoken at 5:30 and 8:30; 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

8:30	<i>Watchman, Tell Us of the Night</i>	ARR. PAUL MANZ
10:45	<i>Watchman, Tell Us of the Night</i>	ARR. K. WISSINGER

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

Hymn 53 *Once He Came in Blessing* GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion ARR. CURT OLIVER

**Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of our parents, Lee and Larry Osmond, by their children.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presider: The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

Acolytes: Danny Blair and Alexis Walter-Fletcher

Lectors: Adrienne Edwards, Necia Rillema, Drew Rucker, Margi Young,
Richard Bowman, Megan Upton-Tyner and Judy Goodpasture

Ushers: Michael Kephart and Deb Hager

Musicians: Marlene Hallstrom, organist; St. James Choir and Handbell Choir

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

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.

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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