

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday After the Epiphany
Morning Prayer
January 23, 2022

Welcome! If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome and would like to get acquainted. If you would like more information about our parish, please send the Zoom Usher a chat message, or email office@stjamesvt.org with your name, where you're from, and your email address. Thank you for worshiping with us! We are glad you are here.

Please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are reading a lesson or adding a thanksgiving or prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself. Then please mute yourself again. A designated responder will offer the responses on behalf of all the people and all are invited to join in while muted.

Prelude: Schoenster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)

Hermann Schroeder

Opening Hymn: They'll know we are Christians

1. We are one in the spir - it, We are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, We will
 4. All — praise to the Fa - ther From —

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

spir - it, We are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, We will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, We will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, His — on - ly — Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 ge - ther all spread the news that God is in our land.
 guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save — each man's pride.
 praise to the Spir - it who — makes us — one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love, by our

love, Yes, they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love. —

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Sentence

Officiant I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
-Isaiah 49:6b

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

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

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Priest alone offers Absolution saying

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

If no Priest is present the Officiant says the following

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Said responsively with the designated responder leading the people's responses

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory:
People Come let us adore him.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Said in unison with the Officiant leading

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve with gladness
and come before your presence with a song.

For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

For you are good;
your mercy is everlasting; *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

-St. Helena Breviary

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 19

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 1 The heavens declare your glory, O God, *
and the firmament shows your handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

- 5 In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; *
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; *
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often one offends? *
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

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as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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The Lessons

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly,

the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Canticle: Arise, shine for your light has come

Ruth Cunningham

From The Third Song of Isaiah Surge, illuminare (Isaiah 60:1)

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
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 glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A
 glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

Words: Isaiah 60:1

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: Warm the Time of Winter

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Deacon: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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Sermon

The Rev. Kim Hardy

The Apostles' Creed

EOW 41

Officiant and People together with Officiant leading

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

BCP 97

The Suffrages are said responsively.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the need, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

All are invited to say the Collect of the Day together

Give us grace, O God, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of our Savior: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

The Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists.

We remember and pray for Church of the Good Shepherd in Barre and the Rev. Earl Kooperkamp in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

The Intercessor will invite prayers to be offered aloud by inviting online worshippers. Please unmute to offer your prayers aloud and then mute again. You may also offer your prayers in the chat which are then read aloud by the Intercessor.

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially Beth Garland and the Garland family; Dan Chant's brother Steve, hospitalized with a serious illness, and Steve's wife Sue, who has Huntington's Disease; Jennifer Knowles' mother, Nancy Bower; Chloe who has been battling a bacterial infection; Cathy Helfrich O'Neil who is receiving end of life palliative care at home; Meg Vittum; Valerie Rochon, who has been diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer; Ely, Nicole and family, Sandy Jones, Julie and family, Karen Geiger, Evangeline, and Howard.

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We pray for those who have died, especially for all who have died of the coronavirus and their loved ones. Keep us mindful of those who are still suffering, especially remembering children who are now being hospitalized in greater numbers. May we be generous in sharing vaccinations with countries that need them.

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The Intercessor offers a Prayer for Justice:

Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and love, we ask wisdom, help, and guidance as we work to counter the many instances of injustice and racism in our world. Help us to value differences in culture, religious beliefs, and physical appearance, and celebrate the God-made wonder of every human being. Help us to be vigilant, working against racial and social injustice in our own hearts and in the world around us, that we may live into our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. Amen.

The Officiant concludes with the following Collect

A Collect of Dedication

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The people's offerings, which are gathered at the basket near the door, are brought up at this time by the usher to be offered to God.



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
 3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
 4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
 to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
 Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
 free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
 our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

The Officiant and People say together

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.

Community Announcements

Dismissal

BCP 102

The Deacon says

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

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

Romans 15:1-3

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The Third Sunday after Epiphany—Year C

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. The season of Epiphany celebrates the manifesting of Christ in his ministry. Today we focus on his preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Jesus did not simply tell about the Kingdom. He was and is the Kingdom, embodied. When he preached in his home synagogue for the first time, this was the theme. He reads Isaiah's passage foretelling the role of Messiah in bringing about the reign of God. Then he tells the people, "This day this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The first reading recounts that period in the fifth century B.C. when, as the central event in the reconstituting of Israel as God's Kingdom, Ezra the priest and others read the Word of God to all the people. Some scholars believe that this came about because of the final formulation of the Torah as the definitive written Word of God. That event established Judaism as the religion of

the Book. It is in this event that the foundations were laid for the ministry of Jesus as the preacher and teacher of the Kingdom.

Christianity is not simply a message about what once happened. In baptism, we are empowered to join Christ in proclaiming the Good News to the whole world. That ministry of ours is Paul's concern as he uses the image of the human body with all its parts and organs—all of which are essential for it to function. In the same way, Paul tells us, each of us has an essential role in the Body of Christ. Each of us is baptized in order that each may be the fulfillment of the Kingdom now. In our celebration of Eucharist, we are built into that Body, so that God's salvation may be made manifest in us.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

[Compline Zoom Link](#)



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St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

Sunday, January 23

8:45 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, January 24

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
6:30 Vestry Meeting

Thursday, January 27

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
5:00 Worship Team Meeting
6:00 Compline

Friday, January 28

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Sunday, January 30

8:45 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation

Monday, January 31

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, February 1

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, February 2

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
6:30 Pastoral Care Meeting

Thursday, February 3

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
6:00 Compline

Friday, February 4

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James