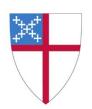


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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024 5PM: Saturday 8AM & 10AM: Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II

Epiphany V

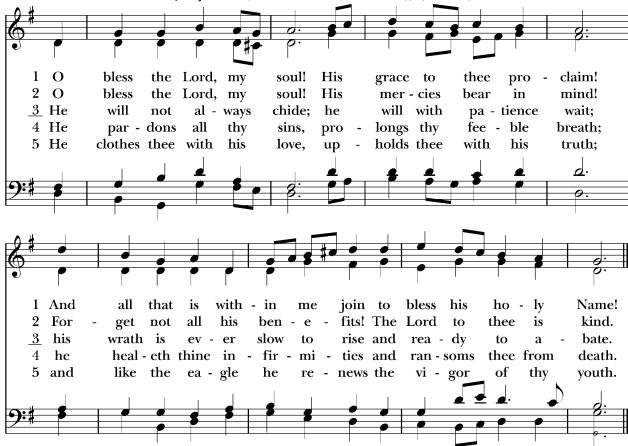
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two Sunday, February 4, 2024

The Word of God

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* - Arr. by James Boeringer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: O bless the Lord, my soul (St. Thomas (Williams)) (H 411)



6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355) *The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

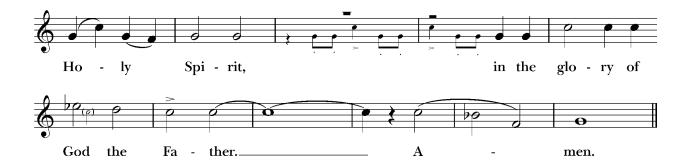
COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355) *The Celebrant may say*

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 Lord. *Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON (5pm only)

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me. or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

¹Halleluiah!

How good it is to sing praises to our <u>God!</u> * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

²The LORD rebuilds Je<u>rusalem;</u> * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3He heals the broken<u>hearted</u> *
and binds up their <u>wounds</u>.
4He counts the number of the <u>stars</u> *
and calls them all by their <u>names</u>.
5Great is our LORD and mighty in <u>power</u>; *
there is no limit to his <u>wisdom</u>.
6The LORD lifts up the <u>lowly</u>, *
but casts the wicked to the <u>ground</u>.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanks<u>giving</u>; *
make music to our God upon the <u>harp</u>.
⁸He covers the heavens with <u>clouds</u> *
and prepares rain for the <u>earth</u>;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹¹He is not impressed by the might of a <u>horse</u>; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a <u>man</u>;
¹²But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear <u>him</u>, *
in those who await his gracious favor. ^{21c} Halle<u>lujah!</u>

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (8 and 10am only) All stand TITLE: Heal me, hands of Jesus (Sharpe) (WLP 773)



GOSPEL LESSON All stand Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁹[When Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358) All stand

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 You may stand or kneel

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those on the St. James' prayer list- for Aleia, Annie*, Angela*, Alexis & Steven, Art, Bishop Michael, Calvin*, Carol*, Curt, Dale, Dan, Elaine, Eliza*, Fran A.*, Fran R., Fred, Gary, Glenn, Greg*, Jean*, Jeanna, Jeannine*, Jeff*, Kathy*, Kim and Family, Lori, Marvin & Debbie*, Michele, Pat, Sophie*, William. *Are there others?*

Those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Especially for Ray & Emmalou Rodriguez, in whose names these flowers are given. *Are there others?*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

CONFESSION OF SIN *All kneeling or reverently sitting The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 stands and says

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*.

THE PEACE All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

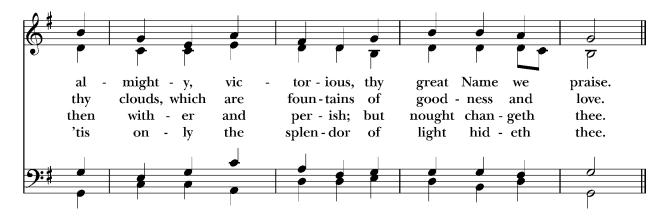
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*







SPECIAL MUSIC (10 am only)

What is it: "Heal Me Lord" - Carol E. Peterson by All Parish Choir Anthem

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361) The People remain standing

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361) *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

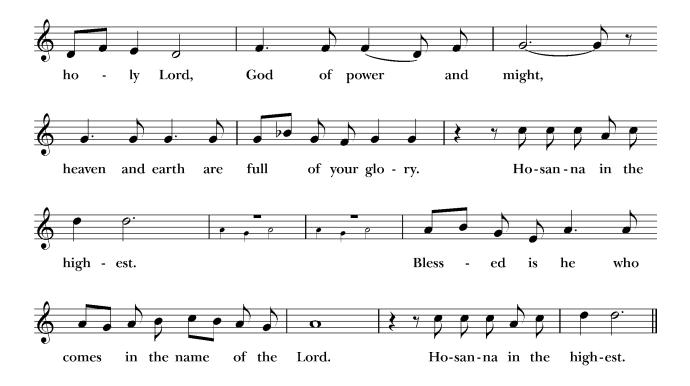
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

TITLE: S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)





WORDS OF INSTITUTION The People stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363) *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may

faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

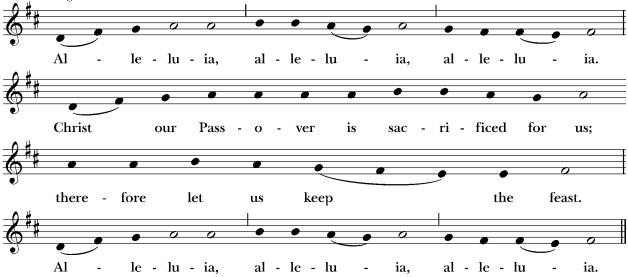
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*,

TITLE: S 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd)

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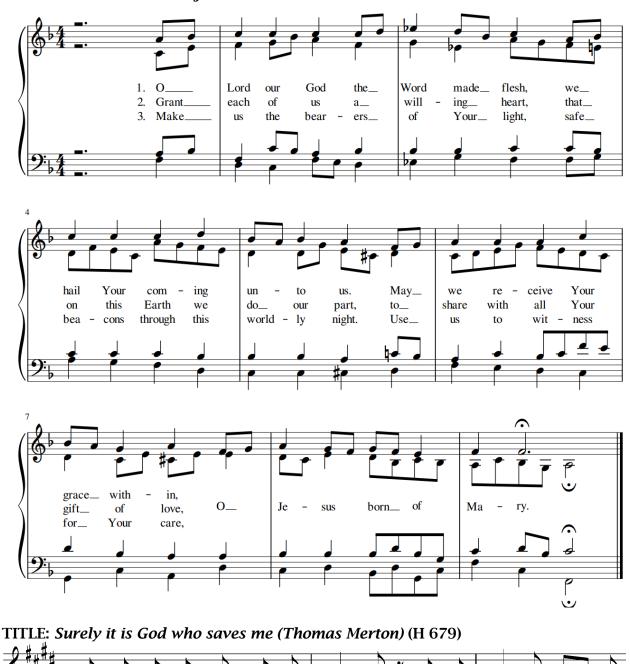


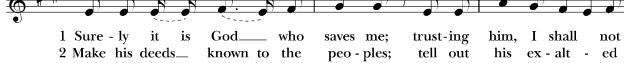
INVITATION (BCP p. 364) *The Celebrant says*

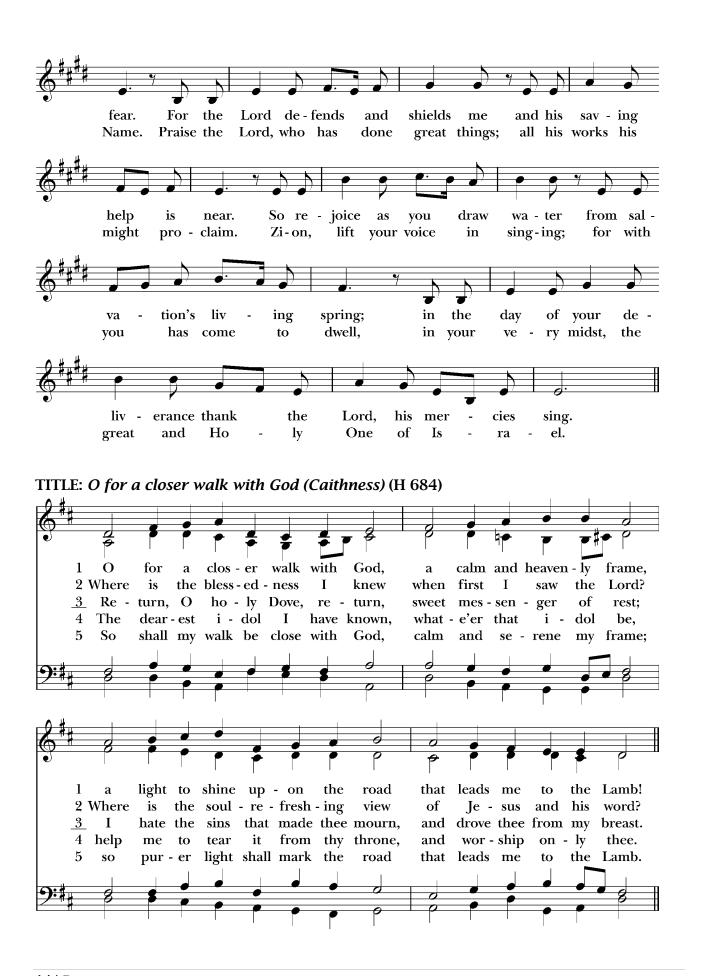
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365) The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only) EPIPHANY CAROL OF ST. JAMES'







POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 366)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

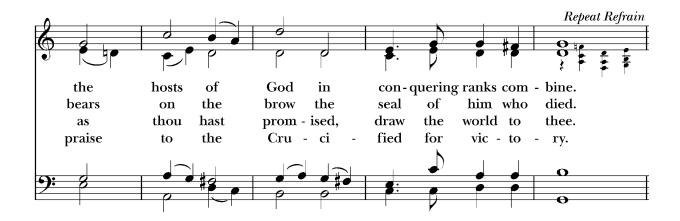
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: Lift High the Cross (Crucifer) (H 473)





DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Festive March - David Lasky

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Outreach House Items for the Week: Canned Fruit, Applesauce
- Remember that the prayer list resets itself every month. Please say aloud or silently to yourself when the prayers of the people ask "are there others?"
- 2024 Pledge Envelopes are in! Please find your pre-ordered box on top of the piano see Phil Tatem or contact the office if you need envelopes and did not order them.
- All are invited to attend the All-Parish Music Concert on Saturday, February 3rd at 6:30pm. A reception will follow. If you are interested in performing, please email Lauren (music@stjames-episcopal.org) with the name/composer of your piece.
- Scout Sunday will be February 4^{th} at the 10am service. Any Scouts from any Troop or Pack are welcome to join Pack and Troop 119 at this service to celebrate Scouting.
- The Good Book Club will meet in the basement of Platts' Hall at 1:00 on February 12th. We will discuss "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Windspear. All are welcome. Any questions? Contact Ginny Tinner 'vtinner@comcast.net'.
- The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 13th from 5-7pm. Donations will be taken to benefit the Pilgrimage Fund. Youth and adults who would like to help can sign-up on the Happenings bulletin board.
- Longtime parishioner Val Allen has passed away. Memorial will be February 17th, with family visitation from 12p-1 and service to follow.
- Fr. Mike will host Confirmation retreats on Saturday, April 20th and Saturday, May 11th from 9:30 3pm. (The same material will be presented both days.) Youth who are being confirmed are required to attend one of the days. Adults who desire to be confirmed or received are invited to attend, as well as all those who are interested in the topic. The book "Unabashedly Episcopalian" will be required reading and is available at no cost to you. Please see Fr. Mike to receive your copy. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the Happenings bulletin board.

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Adult Choir (9th grade Adult) rehearses every Thursday at 7:30pm.
- Teen Choir (6th 12th grade) rehearses 2/11 at 9:30am
- All-Parish Choir rehearses 2/4 at 9:15am.





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Please join us for Communion. All those who are baptized are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you do not want to receive, join us at the altar rail and cross your arms for a blessing. (Gluten-free bread is available. Please ask at the rail.)

Let's stay in touch! If you would like to join our "Happenings" email list, speak with Fr. Mike, or become a member of St. James', please complete the white information card found in your pew and place it in the collection plate.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5pm (spoken service)
Sunday, 8am (with music)
Sunday, 10am (with music and choir)
Live-Stream available at 10am

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children belong here! We welcome their God-given wiggles, questions, and joyful sounds. Please walk through the aisles, feed the babies, and leave and re-enter the service as you need. To assist families, we offer pew activity bags, a "pray-ground" in the back of the sanctuary, and a nursery space in Platts Hall.

Church School is available for PreK – 12th grade during the 10am service.

Youth Group for 6th – 12th grade meets monthly. See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

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