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*St. James' Episcopal Church welcomes you to our service of worship.
If you are searching for a spiritual home, we invite you to become
part of our community of faith and love.*

*The mission of St. James' Church derives from the nature of the church.
It exists for the good of all people, to spread the word of God's Salvation
and to bring people to know Jesus Christ.*



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST

15 JANUARY 2023 9:30 AM

Let us acknowledge with respect and reverence the Unkechaug People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations, while not forgetting the colonization of this land.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now

the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 40:1-12

¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord; *

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

² He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *

he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *

many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! *

there is none who can be compared with you.

⁶ Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *

but they are more than I can count.

⁷ In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *

(you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *

and so I said, "Behold, I come.

⁹ In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *

'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"

¹⁰ I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *

behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

¹¹ Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹² You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called
to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has
been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among
you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day
of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John .

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of
me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water
for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit
descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him,
but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit
descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen
and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with
two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb
of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned
and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him,
"Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come
and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It
was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed
him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him,
"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus,

who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). *The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Nicene Creed *(Please 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

Presider: God calls on us to follow Christ. Let us earnestly call on God to hear our prayers for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples.

Intercessor(s)

For the church of Jesus Christ in every place. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and William our bishops, for presbyters, deacons, and all who minister in Christ. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy gathering and for all who are called to follow Jesus. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for those in the armed forces who guard the peace. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their

families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Presider: Lover of humankind, giver of every spiritual gift, hear the prayers of your people and give us the will and the courage to serve you throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.* **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.**

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 of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 Lord.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father, **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Mary the God bearer, blessed James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to come to the altar for Communion.

Post Communion Prayer *(Please Stand)*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Welcome to our service. We are happy you could join us, either in person or via technological means. May you find this worship to be bread on your spiritual journey. To join us as we worship via Zoom. Call in to 646 558.8656 Meeting ID: 317 854 854 Password: 187300.

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall after service. We are in need of hosts for fellowship Hour. A sign up sheet may be found in the Parish Hall and the weekly e-news letter Good News from St. James.

Have you filled out your intention card? We invite you to give thanks to God for the blessings in your life and help support our mission and ministry by making a financial commitment through your intention card. Help us in ministering to the community by giving of your time, talent and treasure.

Dates to Remember

21 January Essential Items Drive
18 February Essential Items Drive
22 February Ash Wednesday

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel in particular _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



The Most Rev'd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Right Rev'd Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island
The Right Rev'd Geralyn Wolf, Assistant Bishop
The Right Rev'd Daniel Allotey, Assisting Bishop
The Right Rev'd William Franklin, Assisting Bishop
The Rev'd Hickman Alexandre, Vicar
Faith Donohue, Parish Administrator

Bishop's Committee
Dawn Herrmann -23 & Sharon Smith -24; Wardens
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