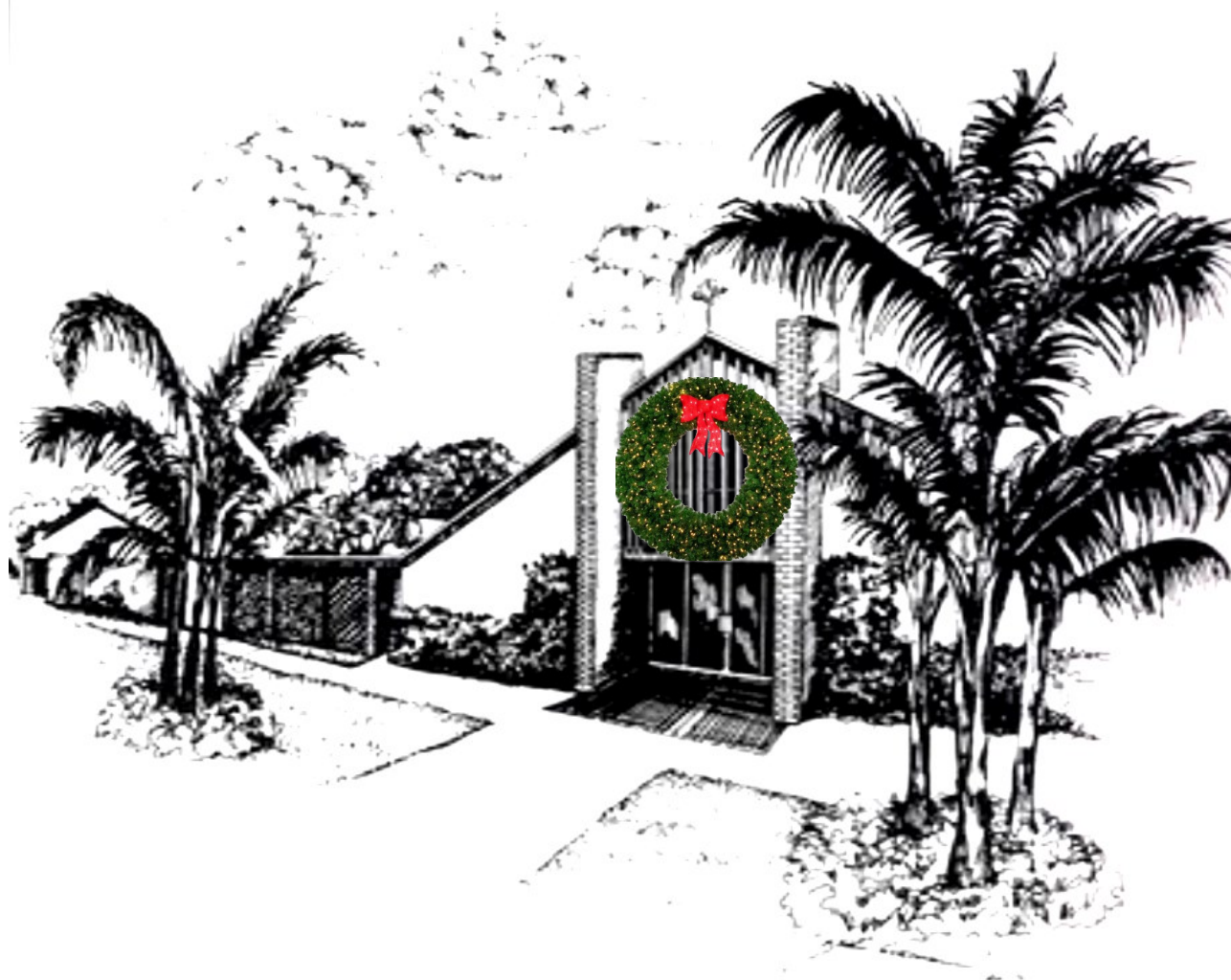




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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel (verse 1, 6, 8) **Hymnal 56**

*The Service for the Advent Wreath, the Advent Prayers of the People, and the Blessing come from
Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship Year C*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



Leader: The word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (Luke 3:2b-6)

The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

From Enriching our Worship 1

Priest: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

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

S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

MALACHI 3:1-4

A Reading from the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

CANTICLE 16 Page 92, BCP

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*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 NEW TESTAMENT

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry **Hymnal 76**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Krasinski

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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.**

(continued...)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest: As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy in the light of his glory.

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

Silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For Bishop Sean Rowe, and for Bishop Peter Eaton, for the presbyters, especially Father Joseph, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

Silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

Silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

Silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the dying and the dead.

Silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For our deliverance from all afflictions, strife, and need, especially those on our parish prayer list...

The congregation is invited to add their petitions, followed by silence

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Silence

People: To you, O Gracious God.

Silence

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

From Enriching our Worship 1

Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Priest: 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.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY HYMN

What is the crying at Jordan? Hymnal 69

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

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.*

Priest: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

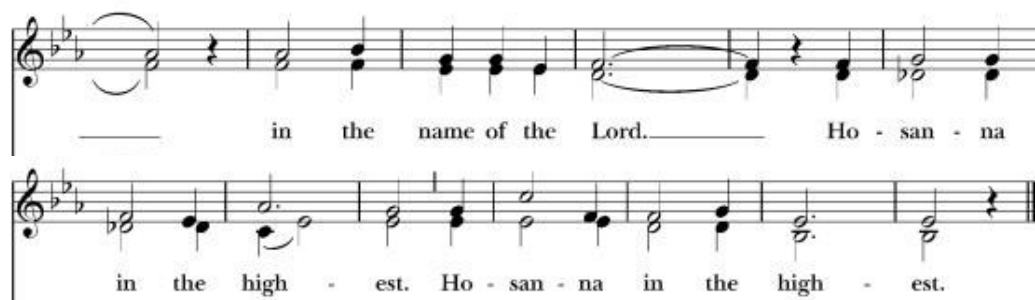
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

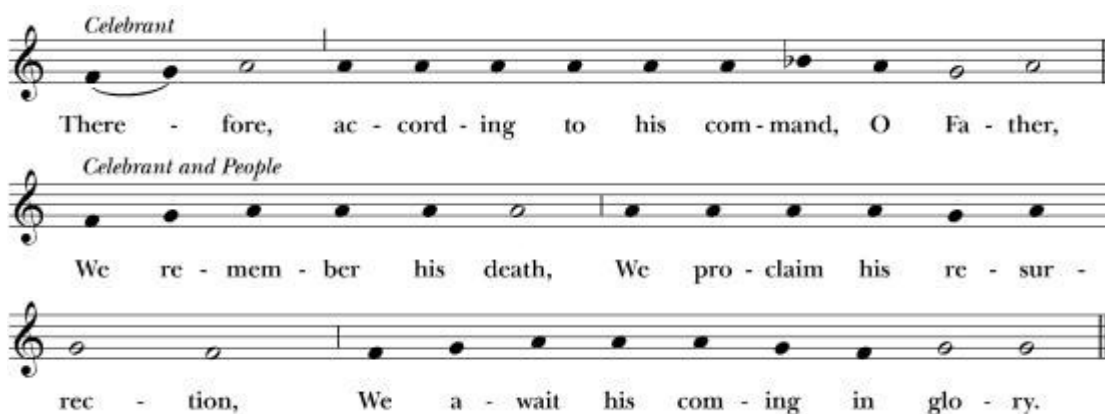
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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in 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 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."



S 136

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 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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

The desert shall rejoice **Wonder, Love, and Praise** 722

The des-ert shall re - joice and blos-som as a rose: 1. It shall 2. For the 3. For the 4. For the

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5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people **Hymnal 67**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



NOTICES

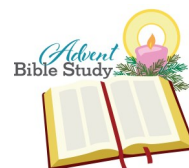
Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the second Sunday of Advent.

Please join us after the Service in Feaster Hall for our fellowship hour hosted by Gladys & Randy Wood. We thank them for their kindness!

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Advent education course will follow a study by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, an Episcopal priest, called *Let Every Heart Prepare: Meditations for Advent and Christmas*. This collection of daily reflections on Advent and Christmas hymns offers the readers a real sense of hope and inspiration.



2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes are here! Please be sure to take your box home today.

New parishioners who wish to receive personal offering envelopes for the year 2025, please contact the Office and we will designate a numbered envelope box to record a future offering statement. Online Zelle payments may also be received by our email address: stjameshollywood@gmail.com

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Donation envelopes are available at the entrance of the church to dedicate in honor of or in thanksgiving of loved ones.



WHITE SOCKS MINISTRY COLLECTION

We will be collecting Men's, Women's and Children's sizes of white socks for those in need until the Christmas Eve Service.

JOIN OUR VESTRY

Requirements to join our Vestry include: being a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church, enrolled as a member of St. James in-the-Hills, 16 years of age or older, have been regular in attendance at Worship Services and have maintained a financial commitment to the parish, known to the treasurer, in the year preceding the election. To learn more please grab a Vestry requirement form/sign-up sheet by the welcome station.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 19th, 2025** immediately following the 9:30am Worship Service, in Feaster Hall. Ministries please begin the 2024 Ministry Reports and deliver via email to the Parish Office no later than Friday, January 10th for the Annual Parish Meeting Report Bulletin.

Bishop Visitation

Our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Peter Eaton will join us in worship during his visit to St. James on **Sunday, January 26th, 2025.**

HIDDEN TREASURES: Discovering The Hymnal

Hymn 67- *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* was written by 17th-century hymn writer Johannes Olearius. It was translated into English two centuries later by the great Catherine Winkworth, who did more than any other person to bring the corpus of German hymnody into the English language. There is perhaps no biblical passage that more breathes the spirit of Advent than Isaiah 40:1-8, which, after the destruction predicted earlier in the book, suddenly and unexpectedly promises comfort to the people of Israel, who have gone through generations of exile in Babylon. So unexpected is this change of tone that many, if not most, biblical scholars think it must have been written by someone other than the 8th-century prophet. The opening of Isaiah's Book of Consolation is marvelously captured in this metrical versification so familiar to Christians during Advent: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*.



Source: firstthings.com

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Following the tragedy at St. Stephen's Episcopal in Alabama, the Diocese encourages churches to remain vigilant in the safety and security of its congregants during Worship Services. St. James will continue to keep the outer doors locked once the Service has begun. In the case of late arrivals, an usher/greeter will be present to open the doors for you.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures, and to collect the keys if needed. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the **coffee station only** will be provided. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board located outside the Parish Office for 2025.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for NOV-DEC-JAN are available in the sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week for you to take home or to share with others.



Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Deb Terzino, Loretta Steward, Paul Crosta, Tom Krasinski, Sarah Allen, Karron Bacchus, Sonia Fiederick, Riley Rupert-Richendollar, Alan Demascus, Bisan Owda, Julia Smith, Tom Jackson, Cynthia Cone, Cheryl-Ann Edward

We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday this week:

Victoria Oden, Justin Muñoz



We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their anniversary this week:

Norma & Lawrence Small

We pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Saunders, brother of William Saunders, and for his entire family. May he rest in peace.

We pray for the protection of all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, for peace in Israel and in Palestine, for peace in Ukraine, for all those affected by gun violence, and we continue to pray for continued protection and healing for all those dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.



Lay Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

Please come forward those who are commended by the Bishop for this ministry and will be visiting this week.

Priest: I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation: *We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, December 8th

Fellowship Hour
Advent Reflections Course

Tuesday, December 10th

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.
Laundry Love 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
at The Laundry Spot Hollywood,
1410 N Federal Highway, Hollywood, FL 33020

Sunday, December 15th

Pledge Cards Due

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th

Merry Christmas!

Office Closed



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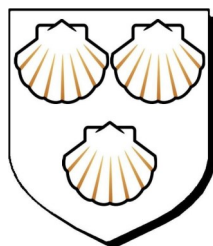
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel
of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's
diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.



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