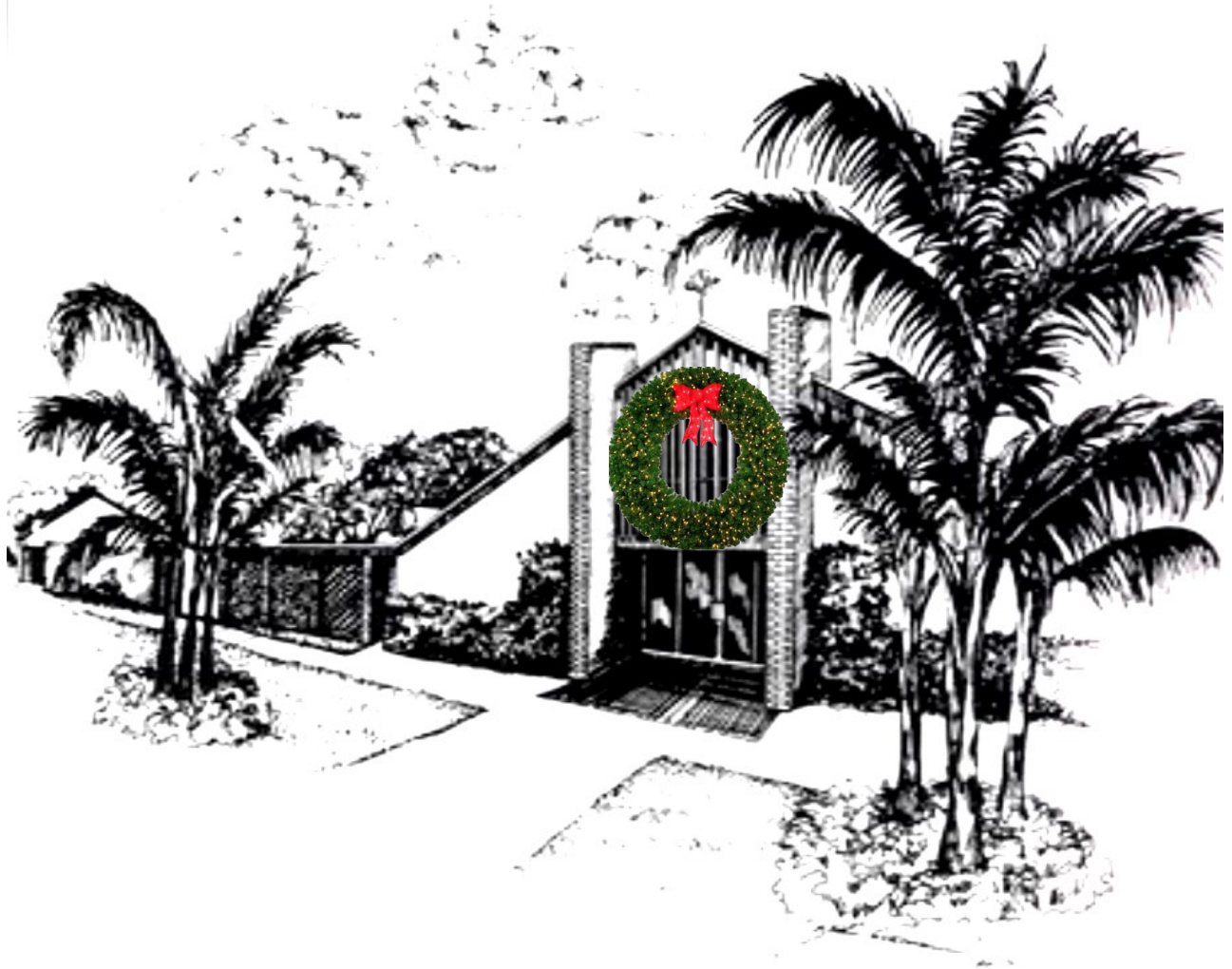




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## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - CHRISTMAS EVE

*Please be aware that Services at St. James in-the-Hills are live streamed and published online.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Hark! the herald angels sing* **Hymnal 87**

### 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.*

#### GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

*(continued...)*

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

**ISAIAH 61:10-62:3**

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

- [1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
**how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
**and binds up their wounds.**
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
**and calls them all by their names.**
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
**there is no limit to his wisdom.**
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
**make music to our God upon the harp.**
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
**and prepares rain for the earth;**
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
**and green plants to serve mankind.**
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
**and for the young ravens when they cry.**
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
**he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
**in those who await his gracious favor.]**
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
**praise your God, O Zion;**
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
**he has blessed your children within you.**
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
**who can stand against his cold?**
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
**to them he has not revealed his judgments.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*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**

**GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

*A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Of the Father's love begotten* **Hymnal 82**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**JOHN 1:1-18**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses;

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*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.**

**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.**

*Intercessor:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, and our Bishop Peter Eaton; and for all bishops and other ministers; and our priest Fr. Joseph;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our parish prayer list...

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

**People: For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

For those celebrating birthdays... anniversaries... and for anyone or anything which you care to mention... We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Priest:* Hidden God, who made the face of Moses shine with the gift of your friendship: teach us the law of love, carried by breath of spirit and planted in hearts of flesh that we might be children again and the world restored to you; through Jesus Christ, the Glory of God. **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

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

**People: And also with you.**

## NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*The great Creator of the worlds* **Hymnal 489**

## 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

Ho - - ly, Ho - - ly, Ho - - ly LORD, God of pow'r and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the LORD. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Sung to Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II, Donald Nelson Warner. Copyright 1978, The Bishop and Diocese of Colorado. Used by permission.*

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."

*Celebrant*  
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,  
*Celebrant and People*  
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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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

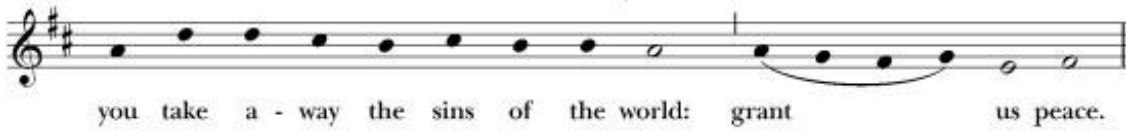
*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,". The first staff covers the first line, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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### 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

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence* **Hymnal 324**

### 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 Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come* **Hymnal 100**

### 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 first Sunday after Christmas.

*Please join us after the Service in Feaster Hall for our fellowship hour hosted by The Cizek Family. We thank them for their kindness!*

## **CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX**

Those who wish to share warm wishes with Christmas cards are welcome to use the red mailbox in Feaster Hall, organized by parishioners' last names, now through Epiphany.



## **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.

## **Bishop Visitation**

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

## **2025 OFFERINGS**

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**

**Thank you to all who returned their pledge cards. We will still be collecting any future pledge cards.**

## **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.

## **HIDDEN TREASURES: Discovering The Hymnal**

Hymn 324- *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* is one of the earliest Christian hymns still in common usage. Its roots date to the fourth century and is based on the Greek text "Prayer of the Cherubic Hymn" in the Liturgy of St. James. According to hymnologist Albert Bailey, the ancient Liturgy of St. James originated with the Church at Jerusalem and is sometimes called the Liturgy at Jerusalem. Originally it was thought to have been the work of James the Lesser, the brother of Jesus, but now seems to have been created under Cyril of Jerusalem c. 347 and

was later amplified. In the original Liturgy of St. James, this hymn was used as the bread and wine were brought into the sanctuary: it brings out the full drama of the occasion.

The tune PICARDY comes from a book of French folk songs published in 1860. The famous English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) paired it with this text for the English Hymnal (1906), and the text and tune have been inseparable since that time.

**Source:** <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/> by Dr. Hawn 



### 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.

**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.

Hark  
the  
Herald Angels  
sing



*Please Pray for...*

Our Anglican Community:  
**The Episcopal Church**

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, Arthur Bilotti, Sandra Hoyle**

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

**Maud Fernander, Kathy Upshaw, William Saunders**



**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 29th**

Fellowship Hour

**Wednesday, January 1st**

*Happy New Year!*

*Office Closed*

**Monday, January 6th**

Feast of the Epiphany

**Tuesday, January 7th**

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 19th**

Annual Parish Meeting

**Sunday, January 26th**

Visitation from Bishop Eaton





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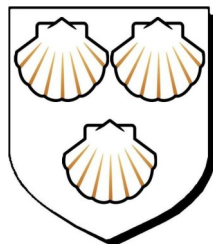


Amanda Groome, our Administrative Assistant, is available in our Parish Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

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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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