



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM • JANUARY 12TH, 2025

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

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord **Hymnal 636**

The Word of God

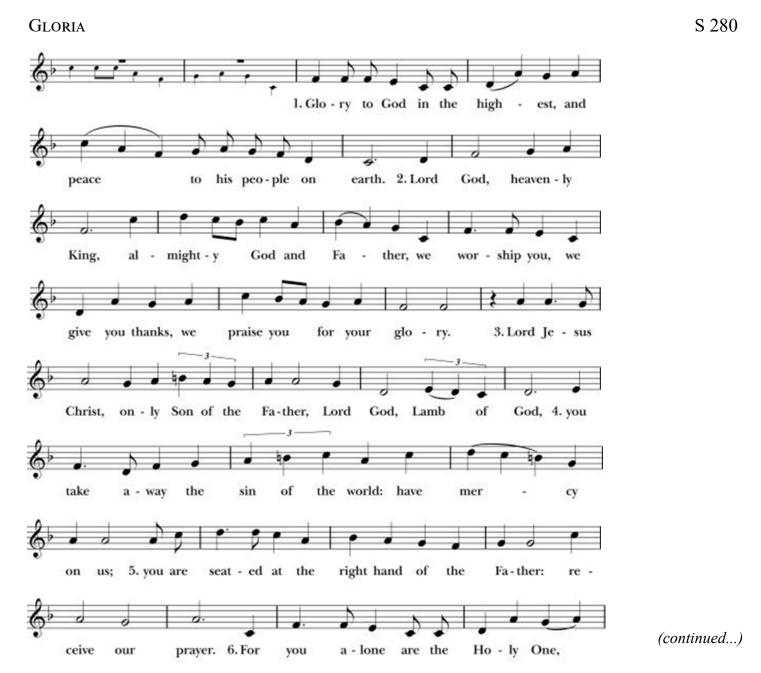
OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

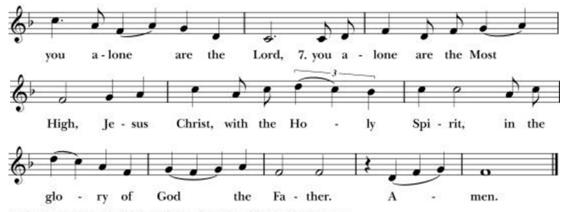
From Enriching our Worship 1

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*.





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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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT ISAIAH 43:1-7

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the eartheveryone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing 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 ACTS 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

The sinless one to Jordan came Hymnal 120

THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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,

(continued...)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM VI, BCP 392

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: Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred within us be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. **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

Baptized in water Hymnal 294

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.

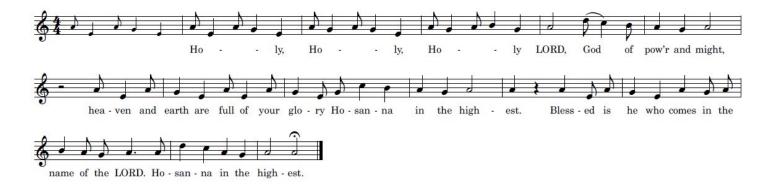
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 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:

SANCTUS

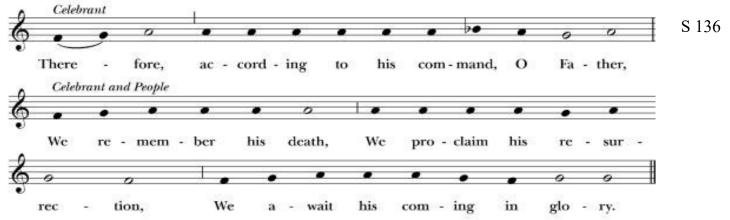


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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in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



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.



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.

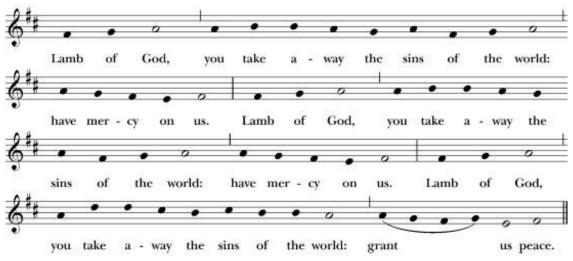
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.



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, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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

Songs of thankfulness and praise Hymnal 135

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 the Epiphany-The Baptism of our Lord.

Please join us after the Service in Feaster Hall for our fellowship hour.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ST. JAMES IN-THE-HILLS!

May we rejoice and see the blessings of God's plans for this new year of 2025!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held next **Sunday, January 19th, 2025** immediately following the 9:30am Worship Service, in Feaster Hall. <u>Ministries please complete the 2024</u> <u>Ministry Reports</u> and deliver via email to the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 13th.

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!

CONCERCING THE USE OF ALLELUIAS DURING THE SERVICE

From the Bishop's Office: "I am used to limiting the inclusion of Alleluias at the end of the Liturgy to the Easter season and the principal feasts." -Bishop Peter Eaton

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sunday, February 2 following coffee hour, our Adult Education will be a video series entitled "A Brief Survey of the Bible." The series, by Bible professors John Walton and Mark Strauss, will cover all of the books of the bible. It is a 14 session study. We have the DVD. There is a separate study guide that you can purchase which would be very helpful but not necessary. The study guide can be found here:

https://churchsource.com/products/a-brief-survey-of-the-bible-study-guide-discovering-the-big-picture-of-gods-story-from-genesis-to-revelation?variant=14939646623813

Please note: There will be no Adult Education on Sunday, January 19 because of our Annual Meeting, nor on Sunday, January 26 as it will be the Bishop's Visitation with us.

2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

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. Contribution statements will be sent out in the coming weeks. Online Zelle payments may also be received by our email address: **stjameshollywood@gmail.com**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 636- *How Firm A Foundation* was sung frequently in both the North and the South before the Civil War. It is said that this was a favorite hymn of Theodore Roosevelt, and that Andrew Jackson requested it be sung at his deathbed, and that Robert E. Lee asked it to be sung at his funeral. The authorship of this great hymn of the faith is one of the great hymnological mysteries. When John Rippon, pastor of Carter Lane Baptist Church in London, published A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors in 1787, the attribution for this hymn appeared only as "K—." Hymnologist William Reynolds notes that the 1822 edition designated the author as "Kn," and the 1835 edition of the collection indicated "Keen." Finally, an 1844 edition ascribed authorship to "Kirkham."

After it arrived in the U.S., one can be sure that it was a hymn that comforted many on both sides of the Civil War. This sermon in song continues to speak just as meaningfully today. The anonymous folk tune FOUNDATION is an American contribution to the hymn that first appears with the text in Joseph Fund's 1832 Genuine Church Music under the tune name PROTECTION.

Hymnology scholar Harry Eskew has concluded that PROTECTION was a new tune and not previously published. The composer remains unknown.

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.

<u>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS</u>: 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.

FLOWER CHART

A flower chart for 2025 has been posted in the Little Angels' Room for those who wish to provide the altar flowers for a particular Sunday Worship Service. Altar flowers may be dedicated to loved ones and for special dates. Donation envelopes are located in the clear resources display shelf next to the chart.

Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:

The Church of the Province of West Africa

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, Brantley Williams, Fay James

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

Frank Mirjah, Rudy Mirjah



We pray for the repose of the soul of Carmen Bharath, sister-in-law of Rosemary Saunders. May she 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 those affected by the attack in New Orleans, for those in the path of the California wildfires, 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, January 12th Fellowship Hour Adult Education Course

Monday, January 13th 2024 Ministry Reports Due

Tuesday, January 14thVestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 19th Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, January 20thMartin Luther King, Jr. Day - *Office Closed*

Sunday, January 26th Visitation from Bishop Eaton



REV. DR. JOSEPH A. KRASINSKI, PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

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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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