

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM FEBRUARY 23RD, 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**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hymnal 390

#### The Word of God

#### **OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER**

From Enriching our Worship 1

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*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*.



(continued...)



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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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT

#### GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

#### The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### THE PSALM

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.
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

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.** 

GRADUAL HYMN

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

#### *The Gospel of the Lord.* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Jesu, Jesu Hymnal 602

LUKE 6:27-38

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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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

FORM VI, BCP 392

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:* God of kindness, interrupting our vicious cycles of resentment and revenge: teach us to walk the way of forgiveness beyond all accounting and to love the gift that has no measure; through Jesus Christ, who died for all. **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

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

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#### 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 *Priest*: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: And also with you.

**NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS** WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*I come with joy to meet my Lord* **Hymnal 304** 

#### **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. Amen.

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.

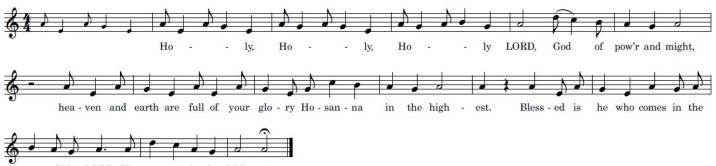
#### People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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.

#### **BCP 360**

company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



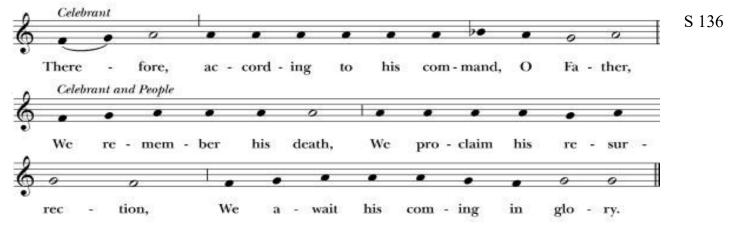
name of the LORD. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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."



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.



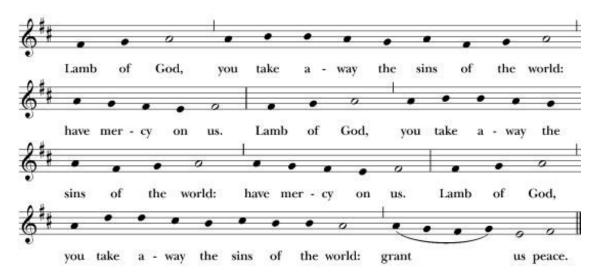
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Priest*: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People: Therefore let us keep the feast.** 



**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** 

**BCP 364** 

**BCP 364** 

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*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**

## Taste and See Lift Every Voice & Sing: II 154

## 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.

## LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING

(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)

*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.

## 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** 

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain Hymnal 204

## 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 seventh Sunday after the Epiphany.

Please join us after the Service in Feaster Hall for fellowship hour provided by Frank & Himmler. We thank them for their kindness!

## ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY

Please join us 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. The study guide can be found here: <u>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</u>

## PREPARING FOR LENT

**Shrove Tuesday: March 4th,** 5:30pm join us in Feaster Hall for our Pancake Dinner! Please bring your palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday service for the burning of the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Services: March 5th, 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent, beginning March 7th, please use the sign-up sheet next to the entrance doors of the sanctuary to volunteer as leaders for each Friday at 7:00pm.

#### HIDDEN TREASURES: Discovering The Hymnal

Hymn 204-*Now The Green Blade Riseth*. This hymn's text first appeared in the 1928 edition of the Oxford Book of Carols. It was first printed in the United States in the 1966 edition of The Methodist Hymnal. Interestingly, though the current text has been changed to incorporate more inclusive language, archaic language was maintained. Other recent hymnals have updated archaisms as well.

The text exhibits the author's ability to capture one's imagination, perhaps an extension of his children's writings. For those in the northern hemisphere who live in areas where springtime usually coincides with Easter, the image of growing plants and vegetation speaks clearly. The connection of the Easter event - the rising of Jesus -- is unmistakable. The simple phrase "Now the green blade riseth" reminds us that Jesus is risen today just as he rose on that first Easter morning. We find the word "Love" being used as a metaphor for Jesus. We are now reminded why Jesus came to the earth in the first place: "For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16). After speaking directly about Jesus' death and resurrection, the author-John Crum, turns to our lifetime struggles. The fourth stanza emphasizes that no matter what we are going through, "Jesus' touch can call us back to life again."

Source: 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 FEB-MAR-APRIL 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.



#### **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 contact the Office for any further details.



#### Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community: **The Anglican Church of Brazil** 

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, Donnie Coxe, Diane Kinishi

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

> > Diane Kinishi



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

**Christine & Ron Douglas** 

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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 the families and victims in the Washington, DC plane-helicopter crash, for those affected by the attack in New Orleans, for those that have died 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.



The altar flowers for today are provided by Gladys & Randy Wood in memory of Manola Campillo.

The floral basket is given in memory of Gene Seyffer by the Parish for Diane Kinishi.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

## Sunday, February 23rd

Fellowship Hour Adult Education Course



**Tuesday, March 4th** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5th Ash Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Services

> **Fridays in Lent** Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.





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

## MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

# Claudette Crowder-Fowler - Senior Warden Yvonne Paicely - Junior Warden Robert Whitehead - Treasurer, Lorna Smith - Clerk to the vestry, Paul Cizek, Clovia Rush-Barnett, Nickisha Williams

## HIMMLER ALEMÁN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC FRANK JIMÉNEZ, FLAUTIST

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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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