



Candlelight Communion

HOMEcomings SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 · 6:00 pm

Welcome to St. James' Church! We are blessed by your presence and prayers among us. Everything you need to participate fully in the service—prayers, readings, hymns—is included in this booklet. Welcome and God bless you now and always.

PRELUDE

Promised Land

Improvisation

OPENING

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

—Psalm 116:8

Whatever is foreseen in joy
Must be lived out from day to day.
Vision held open in the dark
By our ten thousand days of work.
Harvest will fill the barn; for that
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.
And yet no leaf or grain is filled
By work of ours; the field is tilled
And left to grace. That we may reap,
Great work is done while we're asleep.
When we work well, a Sabbath mood
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

—"Sabbath X" by Wendell Berry

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Celebrant Speak to us this night, O God
Speak to us your truth.

People Dwell with us this night, O God
Dwell with us in love.

HYMN *sung by all*



1. Love is the wel - come that comes from the heart And
2. Love is the touch that does not draw back from the
3. Love is the ta - ble that's laid for a feast at the



o - pens its door to the stran - ger, Which
maimed and the hurt and the bro - ken, but em -
meet - ing of sis - ters and bro - thers. In



makes of its house a rest - ing - place for all, For the
bra - ces their pain, and calls them by their name, that the
bread that is shared and the wine that is poured out, is the



sake of the babe in the man - ger.
word of com - pass - ion be spo - ken.
life that was bro - ken for oth - ers.

Music: *Loch Lomond*, Scottish traditional. Public domain.
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THE READING *seated*

MARK 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked

Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

A period of silent reflection is observed.

HOMILY

The Rev. Andrew Ancona

A period of silent reflection is observed.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Improvisation

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS *please stand*

Leader We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God those who are hurting tonight and need our prayers.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring before God those lives lost during the September 11th attacks and all those impacted by the events of that day; may this twentieth anniversary remembrance move us to honor their memory that we may one day be brought through strife to the lasting peace of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring before God those who have died...

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God the needs of this community, nation and the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God both our intentions to serve in Christ's name, and the ways we have failed to love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of your prayer. Candles are on stands in the side aisles on either side of the center pews; please feel free to go to any of these places to light a votive candle.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Jock o'Hazeldean

Traditional Irish

HYMN *standing, sung by all*



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

THE PEACE

Celebrant We are the Body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

GREETINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit stjames.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *please stand*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *repeating, sung by all*



San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth, De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Setting: Jacques Berthier

*Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

People **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

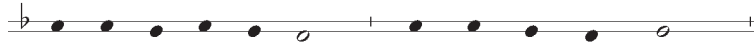
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

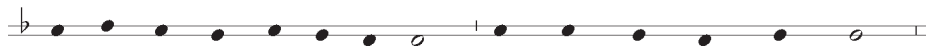
People

**Blessing and honor and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
AMEN.**

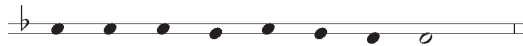
THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by all*



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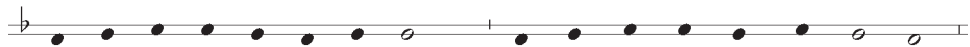
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: *Ambrosian* chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silent reflection is observed.

FRACTION ANTHEM *sung once by cantor, then by all*

Je - sus, Lamb of God. You for-give our sins. Have mer cy on us.

Lord, you take a - way our sins. Lord, grant us peace, O

Lamb of God.

Setting: Ike Sturm

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Table is ready. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Everyone is invited to receive Communion by coming forward, as directed by the ushers, to receive the consecrated Bread. If you wish to receive a contactless blessing please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

A Place in Our Hearts

Judi Morningstar

HYMN *standing, sung by all*



Now it is eve - ning: lights of the ci - ty bid us re - mem - ber
Now it is eve - ning: lit - tle ones sleep - ing bid us re - mem - ber
Now it is eve - ning: food on the ta - ble bids us re - mem - ber
Now it is eve - ning: here in our meet - ing may we re - mem - ber



Christ is our light. Ma - ny are lone - ly, who will be
Christ is our peace. Some are ne - glec - ted, who will be
Christ is our life. Ma - ny are hun - gry, who will be
Christ is our friend. Some may be stran - gers, who will be



neigh - bor? Where there is ca - ring, Christ is our light.
neigh - bor? Where there is ca - ring, Christ is our peace.
neigh - bor? Where there is sha - ring, Christ is our life.
neigh - bor? Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People O God of all creation, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Ast. Priest Go in the peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Simple Gifts

Traditional

Please depart quietly.

We are glad you joined us for worship. Please come back often.

IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT The Rev. James Morton
PREACHER The Rev. Andrew Ancona
LAY SERVER Denny Denniston
MUSICIANS Christa Robinson, oboe; Tyler Walker, piano; Ed RosenBerg, hammered dulcimer;
 Ben Thomas, cantor

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