



Ante-Communion

The Baptism of our Lord

10:00 a.m. — January 17, 2021

Rite II

Welcome

We welcome everyone to digital St. James this morning. Whether you are joining us via Zoom, on our website or on Facebook, we are delighted that you are here with us.

The Service is outlined from the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). If you don't have a prayer book at home, you can find one here: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Prelude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Calvin Taylor

Hymn 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim (1-2)

Paderborn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Presider

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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 in excelsis S-280

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 214

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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 First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Anglican Chant

Edwin Monk

- 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.

The Second Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied- altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 121

Christ when for us you were baptized

Caithnes

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,
2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call
4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.
free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Josh Hoover

The Apostles' Creed

BCP, p. 96

Let us recommit our lives to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give the grace and power to perform them. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Because we are promised that God listens to our prayers, let us pray with boldness and confidence for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Silence

Gracious Father, we pray for your church. Fill her with all truth and peace. Where she is corrupt, purify her; where in error, direct her; where in anything amiss, reform her. Where she is right, strengthen her; where in want provide for her; where divided, reunite her; radiant God,
let your light shine upon us.

Almighty God, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, help our leadership to be trustworthy messengers, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church. Radiant God,
let your light shine upon us.

We pray for Donald our President, Joe, our President-elect, Gretchen, our Governor, and all elected leaders of our country. Keep them ever aware of the oppressed and disenfranchised so they might protect the rights and freedoms of all people, and give them wisdom to bring healing to our divided times. Radiant God,
let your light shine upon us.

We pray for the poor, disabled, vulnerable, and sick, especially Penny; Nev; Natalie; JoAnn; Leslie; Jerin & Micah; Dave; Richard & Sue; Erica; Ronald; Richard; Al, Greg; Matthew; Chuck & Mickie; Bill; Dee; Riley; Catherine & Charlie; Burt; Kurt; Don; Pete; Rebecca; Joey & Carol; Eric and Julie; Jodi; Steve; Bill; Owen; Pinkney and Osborne; Kim, Molly; Rob; Kiera; Claire; Stan and Kay; Patricia, that they may live with the assurance and hope that God has formed them and knows them intimately. Radiant God,
let your light shine upon us.

We give thanks for those who have followed Christ in their own lives, and all who are now at one with God, remembering especially Dick Remus. May their faith and witness inspire us to reach new heights as we reach out in answer to God's call. Radiant God,
let your light shine upon us.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, the Beloved, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

The Offertory is a time when we offer back to God some of what God gives to us. God gives us wheat and grapes and, through our labor, we turn them into bread and wine.

God gives us bodies and minds, and we use these in our life and labor to earn our daily bread. When we give a portion of our income back to God, God blesses it, and returns it to us as services provided by the church, in outreach to those in need, and in lives changed by God's spirit.

Offertory Anthem

Walk together, children

Spiritual, arr. J. Rosamond Johnson

The Lord's Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.

Concluding Prayers

Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Times of Conflict

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth: To those with executive power, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties: to legislators give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people: To Judges and court officers give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served: And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that we might exercise our rights for the well-being of our society, faithfully serve you in our generation and honor your holy Name. **. Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Siblings in Christ, at this time we are rightly separated one from another and unable to gather around the Eucharistic table to break bread and drink wine. And because it is the desire of God's people to participate more fully in the life and ministry of Our Lord Jesus Christ, let us now invite Our Savior more deeply into our hearts by praying a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been and will be celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I

remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I explicitly ask you into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, help me see all the ways in which you are still available, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God Almighty, who comes to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
People Amen.

Hymn

Jesus in your life we see you

Ton-y-Botel



1. Je - sus, in your life we see you mak - ing God's com - pas - sion known,
2. Ris - en Lord, you bear our sor - row, know how much we need your peace;



'Sure - ly you have borne our sor - rows, sure - ly made our pain your own!
as you once healed bro - ken bo - dies, of - fered cap - tive souls re - lease,



see your touch bring hope and heal - ing, see your word set cap - tives free,
take us, use us in your ser - vice; we would fol - low where you lead;



see you suf - fer, mocked, re - ject - ed, dy - ing on the shame - ful tree.
on - ly your di - vine com - pas - sion meets the depth of hu - man need.

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The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

City Called Heaven

Calvin Taylor

JOIN US ON ZOOM for VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

<https://zoom.us/j/94003915550>

This Week at St. James
January 17th to January 23rd

Sun.	11:00 a.m.	The Bridge and the Beatitudes via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86780915634
	1:15 p.m.	G.A.P. Unity Celebration to Honor MLK
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – St. James Facebook page
	8:00 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82061214048
Tue.	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – St. James Facebook page
	8:00 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82061214048
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – St. James Facebook page
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Chat & Rehearsal - https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77926156745
	8:00 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82061214048
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – St. James Facebook page
	8:00 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82061214048
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – St. James Facebook page
	8:00 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82061214048
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Training for Video Livestreaming

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Worship Schedule

Sundays 10:00 a.m. on [Facebook](#) and our [Website](#) and via [Zoom](#)

Weekdays Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. on [Facebook](#)

Weekdays Compline 8:00 p.m. on [Zoom](#)

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