



## Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 13, 2020 | Online Service  
Third Sunday of Advent

### Greeting and Announcements

#### Hymn 76: *Winchester New*, "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

### Advent Lighting Prayer

*Officiant*

Lord God, let thy blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath.  
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he  
come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Opening Sentences

*Book of Common Prayer, page 78*

### Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly  
Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on  
behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that  
we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and  
with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his  
infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and  
deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you  
with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry  
and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and  
forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your  
Name. Amen.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Venite S35

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### Psalm 126: *In convertendo*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.  
Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for

those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem:** Give to us peace in our time, O Lord

Alexis Lvov, arr. M. Whitmire

God, the omnipotent!  
King who ordain-est great winds thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;  
Show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest,  
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the all righteous One!  
Man hath defied Thee;  
Yet to eternity standeth thy Word,  
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee;  
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the all wise One!  
Earth by thy chastening, yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;  
Through the thick darkness thy king dom is hastening;  
Thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

**Second Lesson:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

**Apostles' Creed**

*BCP 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing as able.*  
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
He was conceived by 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.  
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. Amen.

**The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*BCP 97*

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

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.

**Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let the people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain in us with your Holy Spirit.

**Collect of the Day**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Other Collects****Prayers for the Parish**

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

**Anthem:** Magnificat

Orlando Gibbons

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoiceth in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded  
the lowliness of his hand maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth,  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me;  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remem'bring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
  
Glory be the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be world without end. *Amen.*

**Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**Versicle and Response**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Closing Sentences**

**Hymn 444:** *Thornbury*, "Blest be the God of Israel"

Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.

He from the house of David a child of grace has given;  
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.  
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
John Moncure Daniel, Jr. and Joy Beam Daniel*

### **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

*Officiant:* Blake Singer, Lay Chaplain

*Musicians*

*Singers:* Nathan Bick, Lisa Edwards Burrs, Will Conn, Heather Jones, Sabrina LaFleur,  
Jeanne Lapierre, Chris Rock, John Tyndall

*Soloist:* Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs with The Anthony Dowd Jazz Trio

*Organist:* Virginia Ewing Whitmire

*Director of Music:* Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

### **Prayers of the People**

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

*For the sick and in need:* especially the family of Eleanor Angle, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, the family of Anne Bedner, Margaret Bloor, Susan Bloor, Priscilla Cabell, Betty Crasten, Matt Curtis, Cameron Flippen, Charlotte Harbach, Mary Harrison, Palmer Johnson, the family of Garrett Lockhart, Eleanor Lynch, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Harry Moore, Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Barbara Streever, Anne Sweets, Lilo Ukrop, Gordon Wallace, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Barbara Willis, Amy, and Paul

*For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers:* especially Chris Abplanalp, Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Robert Crutcher, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially Louise Bald, Margy Brown, Mary Everette Cann, Lily Hargis, Marley Millen, Reed Nichols, Susan Smith, and Charlie Suskind who celebrate their birthdays today

*For those who have died recently:* especially Emily Fyfe, Charlie Luck, and Trudi Macon

## Music Notes



*"O sing unto God with the voice of melody." - Psalm 47:1*

The *Magnificat* is from *The Short Service* composed by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), one of the leading English composers of the early 17th century. As a youth Gibbons sang in the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, and he received a degree in music in 1606. He was appointed a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal by King James I in 1615, a position he held until his death. In 1623 he became organist at the Chapel, with Thomas Tomkins as his assistant. He died in Canterbury at age 41 and is buried in Canterbury Cathedral.

In case you missed previous **Music at St. James's**, here are links:

- 9/20 Liz Nance– A Celtic Blessing (M. Whitmire)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIr4o8ddtUFgkFHcKIguFKQ>
- 9/27 Knox Hubbard– What good am I? (Dylan)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_1DFF7VFCtg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1DFF7VFCtg)
- 10/4 Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane - O praise the Lord who made all beauty (Hopson)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg3KIAKV3RA>
- 10/11 Heather Jones– I will sing new songs of gladness (Dvorak)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLw5hBePEIA>
- 10/18 Nathan Bick - Then shall the righteous shine (Mendelssohn)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7WUD5clKAg>
- 10/25 Diane Wright, Sam Zimmer, Knox Hubbard, Scott Milstead - Come to Jesus  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjrwwuuzRY>
- 11/1 Elisabeth Eckstein, Julianne Eckstein - I sing a song of the saints of God  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE_E)
- 11/15 Lisa Edward Burrs, Anthony Dowd, Matt Hall, Aaron Binder - He's got the whole world  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o-tiLcIkCo>
- Molly Sharp, Roberts Wadsworth - Be thou my vision (arr. M. Whitmire)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-87qrIBykLo>
- 11/22 Massie Valentine, Hank Artz, Scott Milstead, Molly Sharp – O love that will not let me go  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Z-jSTiek3M>
- 11/29 Chamber Choir – E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come (Manz)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcLDfky6IUM&feature=youtu.be>



## Virtual Choir Links

Sicut cervus (Palestrina)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBE828xCRwE&fbclid=IwARoEijn2KQj99lq6sEhxU3qbbkOOQoXEq14ggguBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqELCwouXsU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwARoEijn2KQj99lq6sEhxyU3qbbkOOQoXEq14ggguBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

If ye love me (Tallis)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDGaKW-Azzg&feature=youtu.be>

Ubi caritas (Gjielo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoFrPoCrEmc&feature=youtu.be>

## Tomorrow, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.: Our Christmas Hope – Live streamed on Facebook

In the midst of the preparations and festivities, some find the holidays to be long, dark nights of the soul, full of struggle with life challenges, grief and loss of years past and present. You are invited to our special candlelit service of hymns and prayers for healing. The service will include carols and traditional songs accompanied by piano, flute and guitar.



## Christmas Eve



Our church family will come together virtually on Christmas Eve, and we hope you will be with us. Our beautiful sanctuary – adorned by exquisite flowers and illumined by glowing candles – will be fully captured by a professional film crew for an unforgettable Christmas Eve experience. The church will ring with the sound of organ and voices singing your favorite carols – “O come, all ye faithful,” “Angels we have heard on high,” Hark! the herald angels,” “Away in a manger” and “Silent night,” sung by candlelight on the steps of the church. The service will be streamed at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Facebook and [www.doers.org](http://www.doers.org), and available thereafter on YouTube.

House Church - A beautiful Christmas Eve liturgy will also be available on the church website for use at home or by House Church group during the twelve-day season of Christmas.

We hope you will plan to make worship at St. James's a part of your families' Christmas.