



## St. James's Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday of Epiphany

February 27, 2022

11:15 a.m.

### Morning Prayer, Rite I

*Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.*

*After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.*

**Prelude:** Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms

**Hymn 129:** *Mowsley*, "Christ upon the mountain peak"

**Opening Sentences**

*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 40

### Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy 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.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

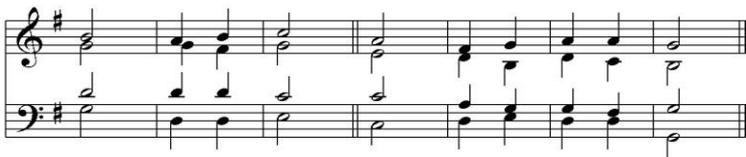
*Officiant and People*

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 S4

chant: Edwin G. Monk



O come, let us / sing unto the / Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the / strength of / our sal-/ vation.

Let us come before his / presence with thanks-/ giving,  
and show ourselves / glad in / him with / psalms.

For the Lord is a / great / God,  
and a great / King a-/ bove all / gods.

In his hand are all the / corners of the / earth,  
and the strength of the / hills is / his / also.

The sea is / his and he / made it,  
and his hands pre-/ pared the / dry / land.

O come, let us worship and / fall / down  
and kneel before the / Lord our / Maker.

For he is the / Lord our / God,  
and we are the people of his / pasture  
and the / sheep of his / hand.

O worship the Lord in the / beauty of / holiness;  
let the / whole earth / stand in / awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge the / earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the / peoples / with his / truth.

*All may be seated for the singing of the Psalm by the Choir.*

**Psalm 99** *Dominus regnavit*

chant: Edward John Hopkins

The LORD is King; let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;  
He is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool;  
He is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,  
they called upon the LORD and he answered them.  
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

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 Lessons**

**First Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now

the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

*All remain seated for the singing of the Canticle by the Choir.*

**Canticle:** Te Deum laudamus

Plainsong, Tone 8

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all angels cry aloud,  
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
    Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
    Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
    the Father of an infinite majesty;  
    thine adorable, true, and only Son;  
    also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,  
In glory everlasting.

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.

**Second Lesson:** Luke 9:28-43a

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation remains seated for the singing of the anthem by the Choir.*

**Anthem:** Non Nobis, Domine

Victor C. Johnson

Non nobis, Domine,  
Sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord,  
but to your name give the glory.

**Sermon:** Taylor Sibley

**Apostles' Creed**

*BCP 53*

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

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.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. Thy 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 us with thy Holy Spirit.

### **Collect of the Day**

*BCP 165*

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Other Collects**

#### **Prayers for the Parish**

*Officiant*

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

*Officiant and People*

Mary Lee Allen, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Hylah Boyd, Stacy Burrs, John Cook, Karen Cook, John Downing, Tommy Edwards, Tom Evelyn, Jamie Gugino, Anne Heffner, Leigh Hulcher, Benny Ivy, Dave Johnson, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Bunky Miller, J.D. Monk, Linda Owen, Linda Pharis, Carol Piersol, Thomas Porterfield II, Henry Seaman, Chuck Silva, Parker Skidmore, Bradford Smith, Cora Sue Spruill, Jessie Sumrell, Mark Thomas, Anne Turnbull, Bobbie Ukrop, Erin Wright, Ben and Eloise, Ace, David, and Melissa

*The Officiant continues.*

### **Greeting and Announcements**

## Offering of Gifts and Praise

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**Anthem:** When the saints

Sara Groves, arr. V. Whitmire

Lord I have a heavy burden of all I've seen and know  
It's more than I can handle  
But your word is burning like a fire shut up in my bones  
and I can't let it go  
And when I'm weary and overwrought  
with so many battles left unfought  
I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard  
I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars  
And when the Saints go marching in  
I want to be one of them.

Lord it's all that I can't carry and cannot leave behind  
it often overwhelms me  
but when I think of all who've gone before and lived the faithful life  
their courage compels me  
And when I'm weary and overwrought  
with so many battles left unfought  
I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard  
I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars  
I see the shepherd Moses in the Pharaoh's court  
I hear his call for freedom for the people of the Lord  
And when the Saints go marching in  
I want to be one of them

I see the long quiet walk along the Underground Railroad  
I see the slave awakening to the value of her soul  
I see the young missionary and the angry spear  
I see his family returning with no trace of fear  
I see the long hard shadows of Calcutta nights  
I see the sisters standing by the dying man's side  
I see the young girl huddled on the brothel floor  
I see the man with a passion come and kicking down the door  
I see the man of sorrows and his long troubled road  
I see the world on his shoulders and my easy load  
And when the Saints go marching in  
I want to be one of them

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Hymn 717 (v. 4): *America*, “Our fathers’ God, to thee”

## **General Thanksgiving**

*BCP 58*

*The People kneel and join in saying the General Thanksgiving.*

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Closing Sentences**

*BCP 60*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Hymn 135:** *Salzburg*, “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

**Postlude:** Largo from *20 Short Pieces*

Jan Bender

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Eleanor Williams Oppenheimer, Henry Wise Oppenheimer,  
Henry Wise Oppenheimer, Jr., and Eleanor Oppenheimer McGehee*

### **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* Taylor Sibley

*Officiant:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Lectors:* Wally Jones, Olivia Sibley

*Prayers of the People/Collects:* Berkeley Crane

*Youth Usher:* Everett McCoy

*Acolyte:* Sam Hubbard

*IWC Greeter:* Jan Steele

*Musicians:* Youth Choir

*Soloist (Te Deum):* Elisabeth Eckstein

*Soloists (When the Saints):* Taylor Sibley, Sarah Townsend

*Choir Mother:* Julie Eckstein

*Percussion:* Georgia Ascoli, Scott Milstead

*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 healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers*

*For those serving in our Armed Forces:* especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teefey

*For justice and reconciliation among all the peoples of this earth and all who work toward that end:* especially for our efforts here at St. James’s through Sacred Ground and our Becoming Beloved Community Ministry, that you would grant us the grace, humility, and courage necessary to engage in such work.

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today:* Sherwood Bowditch, Duncan Buoyer, Brian Callaghan, Fenton Crowther, Walter Jones, and Rob Mitchell

*For those who have died recently:* especially Edward A. Leake, Jr. and Stephen Sargent

## Stephen Ministry

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Blake Singer ([bsinger@doers.org](mailto:bsinger@doers.org)) or Jane Dowrick ([dowhitz52@gmail.com](mailto:dowhitz52@gmail.com)) or.

*Stephen Ministers:* Ellen Buoyer, Bennette Burks, Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Russell Lawson, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price

*Stephen Leaders:* Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, John McCard, Blake Singer, and Chamie Valentine

## Music Notes



*Non nobis, Domine* was written by Victor Cohen Johnson (b. 1978), a native of Dallas, Texas. Johnson is an organist, conductor and composer who has received ASCAP Awards for the past eight years. He is also the Minister of Worship and Fine Arts at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plano, Texas.

*When the saints* was written by singer/songwriter, Sara Groves (b. 1972) and can be found on her seventh album, *Tell me what you know*, which was released in 2007 and held the No. 2 spot for iTunes album of the year. Sara is passionate about social justice and has joined forces with International Justice Mission to advocate for victims of human trafficking.

## Music Calendar

March 27 <i>Sunday, 9:00 a.m.</i>	Dylan Mass West Gallery Choir and Guitar Ensemble
May 1 <i>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</i>	Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons Youth Choir
May 8 <i>Sunday, 9:00 a.m.</i>	Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons and Cantata Children's Choir and Cherub Choir
May 29 <i>Sunday, 7:00 p.m.</i>	Memorial Concert: <i>Mass of the Children</i> (John Rutter) St. James's Choir and Orchestra
June 5 <i>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</i>	Jazz Eucharist (music by Ellington and Whitmire) John Winn Band and St. James's Choirs

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