

January 28, 2024 11:15 am

WELCOME. We're so glad you're here.

If you're visiting St. James's today, let us begin by saying WELCOME. We're delighted you've decided to join us.

St. James's is a community drawn together by our love of God and our desire to serve Christ in the world. We pray together, work together, learn, laugh, and sing together. We are eager for you to join in our worship and fellowship today.

Here are a few things that we hope will make your visit easier:

- We have nursery services available on Sundays from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. The nursery is through the brown double doors at the right front of the church.
- During the sermon at the 9 am service, we offer a Children's Chapel, where children sing, play and learn.
- During our regular programming year (September through May), there's an active adult learning and children & youth formation (aka, Sunday School) program that goes on between the services.
- You can also attend our live-streamed services at 9 and 11:15 am (or any time after) on doers.org/live. You can view a recorded version on our YouTube page.
- Many people here like to dress up for church, but we encourage you to wear what's comfortable for you. Some of us wear suits and dresses, others are more casual.
- There are restrooms downstairs from the narthex (the entrance to the church). The stairs are on the west side of the church.
- Sit where you like. There are no assigned seats.
- As for communion, if you receive communion in your home church, you're welcome to receive it at St. James's too. With some exceptions, we also offer Special Prayers and Blessings during communion. Just go to the Chapel to the left of the communion rail.
- Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. It will help us get to know you better.
- You can learn more about our church at doers.org.

We have regular Newcomer Events throughout the year. Watch this space for the next one. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet our clergy plus others who are new to St. James's.

St. James's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024 11:15 am

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: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The people stand as able.

Hymn 388: Hanover, "O worship the King"

The Word of God

Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer 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.

The people kneel as able.

Officiant and People

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.

Officiant

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

The people stand as able.

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.

Hymnal S4: Venite

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.

The people sit for the singing of the Psalm by the Choir.

Psalm 111 Confitibor tibi

I I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart; secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

chant: Henry Lawes

- 2 The works of the LORD are great;
- sought out of all of them that have pleasure therein.

 3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour;
- and his righteousness endureth for ever.The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works;
 - that they ought to be had in remembrance.

 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works; that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgement; all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever; and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in

the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people remained seated for the singing of the Te Deum by the Choir.

Te Deum

Benjamin Britten

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 Cherubin and Seraphin 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 honourable, 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 not abhor the Virgin's womb.

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.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted,

Let me never be confounded.

Second Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing the Jubilate.

Jubilate Deo

Plainsong

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving; and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Sermon: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

The people stand as able.

Apostles' Creed

BCP53

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.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Officiant and People

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 164

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through 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

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

Ellen, Aaron, John, Vicki, Janet, Jim, Norris, Julia and Jacobi, Alan, Bunky, John, Allie and Bill, Shelby, Courtenay, Paul, Sandra, Mickie, Joyce, Larry, Kenna, Bradford, Johnnie Lou, Meriel, Anastasia, Langdon, Brady, Zara, Chris, Josh, Laura, Bowie, Chuck, Ruth, Beryl, Barbara, and Mary

The Officiant continues.

The people sit.

Greeting and Announcements

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: Hallelujah William Walker (1835) arr. Shawn Kirchner

Hallelujah.

And let this feeble body fail, and let it faint and die; My soul shall quit this mournful vale, and soar to worlds on high.

Refrain And I'll sing hallelujah, And you'll sing hallelujah, And we'll all sing hallelujah, When we arrive at home.

Oh, what are all my suff'rings here if Lord thou count me meet With that enraptured host to appear and worship at thy feet. *Refrain*

Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away, But let me find them all again, in that eternal day. *Refrain*

The people stand as able.

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

Hymn 717 (v. 4): America, "Our fathers' God, to thee"

General Thanksgiving

BCP 58

The people kneel as able.

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*.

Hymn 379: Abbot's Leigh, "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Closing Sentences

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*.

Postlude: Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein Johann Sebastian Bach

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Amelia Arthur Officiant:: The Reverend Blake Singer

Lector: Janet Peyton

Altar Guild: Trish Bishop, Alice Campbell, Mary Richie McGuire, Vann Williams; Leader: Sally Watters; Co-Chairs: Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Loretta Miller, Jeanette McKittrick

Acolyte Team 6: Tyndall Hopper, Jack Porter, William Porter, Robbie Redmond, Charlie Witthoefft; Crucifer & Team Leaders: Andrew Ascoli, Sarah Hopper; Adult Leaders: Jennifer Ascoli, Cynthia Hopper; Acolyte Masters: Anne Marie Elles, Sarah Hubard

Usher Team 7: Melinda Davis, Mimi Herington, Charles Nance, Judy Philpott, Tyler Sauer, Cameron Sealey, Burt Sundin; Team Leader: Wyn Brown; Chief Usher: Brink Brinkley

Musicians: Parish Choir

Assistant Organist: Charles Lindsey

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for the congregations and clergy of Grace in Stanardsville, St. Andrew's in Richmond, St. Mary's in Arlington, and St. Mary's in Colonial Beach

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Bill Booker, Tim Carpenter, Ches Goodall, III, Christopher Guedri, Claiborne Thompson, John Tyndall, and Nancy Williams

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 Jane Dowrick (dowhitz52@gmail.com).

Stephen Leaders: Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, Jeff Herget

Stephen Ministers: Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price



Te Deum in C was composed by the British composer Benjamin Britten (1913-76). It was written in 1934 when Britten was completing his studies at the Royal College of Music. The *Te Deum* is attributed to the 4th-century monk Niceta. It has been a part of the morning office since the 5th century. The 1549 Prayerbook appointed the *Te Deum* to follow the Old Testament daily throughout the year, except in Lent.

Hallelujah is a gospel hymn written by William Walker in 1835. This arrangement is from Heavenly Home: Three American Songs by Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970), a composer and arranger active in the Los Angeles area. In 2012 Kirchner was appointed Composer-in-Residence for the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Shawn is also a songwriter in a range of styles including bluegrass, folk, country, gospel and jazz, a church musician and plays original jazz tunes with the Shawn Kirchner Quartet.

Singing Class began last Wednesday (1/24). We meet at 6:15 pm in the Children's Choir room. It's not too late to join us if you would like to learn to sing or improve your singing. It is a short commitment – five weeks. Call 804.355.1779, ext. 323 or email mwhitmire@doers.org to sign up.

Organ Recital - The Chenault Duo: Friday, February 9, 7 pm



Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault have "The indisputably earned Premiere Duo-Organ Team" title given by the Atlanta Journal & Constitution. Ray Elizabeth were organists here at St. James's in the early 70s. The Chenault Duo career began in 1979 and they have since performed at Washington National Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral (London), York Minster Cathedral (England), Kauffman Center (Kansas City), and the Mormon Tabernacle, among others.

Upcoming Events



The previews are over, now it's time to register for our 2025 pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. Registration opens on Monday at noon. Look for the link in the eChimes, Sunday email or a special email coming out Monday morning.

Get ready for our most ambitious Interfaith Dialogue ever. Each session stands alone but attending all four will make it a richer experience. We'd love for folks to sign up in advance. You can find the sign-up link in the eChimes or the Sunday email. See details below:



Join us for this year's Interfaith Dialogue with learning, dessert, and fellowship! This year the clergy of Beth Ahabah and St. James's will share a series of special learning sessions exploring the history of Judaism and Christianity, including how they developed alongside each other and influenced each other. Each session will begin at 7 pm.

Jews, Israel, and Jerusalem Leading Up to the Birth of Christianity
Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm @ Beth Ahabah

Jesus in Ancient Israel and Jerusalem Thursday, February 15 at 7 pm @ St. James's

Birth and Development of Rabbinic Judaism Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm @ Beth Ahabah

Birth and Development of Christianity Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm @ St. James's **Join our Krewe of Doers** for a night of fabulous food, drinks, raffles, and an exciting live auction. Your generosity will support St. James's Financial Outreach Committee by funding yearly grants to our 10 local outreach partners. Use the QR code to get your tickets.



We also need a Krewe of Doers to keep making Mardi Gras the legendary event we love. You can help by setting up, decorating, assisting with check-in, being a server or bartender, and more. Use the QR code or see the link in the eChimes.







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