



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINTS JAMES AND ANDREW

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion
In-Person and Live-streamed

Welcome to the Season of Epiphany

During the Epiphanytide, the liturgical season that runs from the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 until the beginning Lent on Ash Wednesday, we reflect on the unfolding revelation of Jesus' identity as the Anointed One: the word epiphany, itself, comes from Koine Greek, epiphaneia, meaning manifestation or appearance. In addition to celebrating the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus at Bethlehem, during Epiphanytide we hear stories of Jesus' baptism, the call of the disciples, and his early ministry. The season is a good time to ask ourselves where we recognize Jesus the Christ in our own lives.

Our liturgy is drawn primarily from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship 1 & 2. We also frequently make use of other approved worship resources from elsewhere within the Anglican Communion, such as the Church of England, Scottish Episcopal Church, Anglican Church of Canada, and the Anglican Church in New Zealand, as well as Eucharistic Prayers and Prayers of the People which correlate to the Revised Common Lectionary. We believe that the use of fresh language provides us the opportunity to broaden and deepen our relationship with God. Our music is drawn primarily from the Hymnal 1982, Wonder, Love, and Praise, and Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and other approved hymnals. All materials are printed with permission using RiteSeries.

Please note that our worship is live-streamed to Facebook.

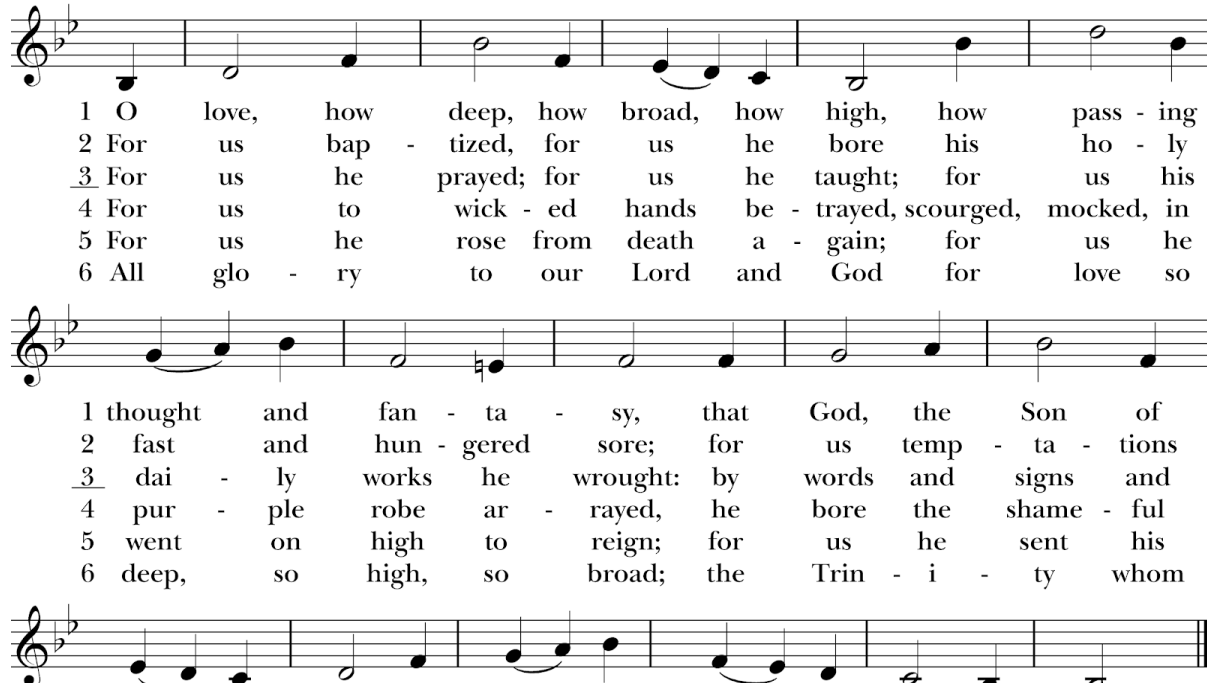
Our Mission

We believe God is calling us to cultivate a community of love, joy, hope, and healing. Jesus is our model for a life of faith, compassion, hospitality and service. We strive to be affirming and accessible, welcoming and inclusive; we seek to promote reconciliation, exercise responsible stewardship, and embrace ancient traditions for modern lives.

Ringling for Remembrance

It is worth noting that 2023 has shown an 8-10% overall DECREASE in deaths and injuries from gun violence. Some cities are seeing 20%+ decreases. There have been 2,329 gun related deaths, and 23 mass shootings so far this year. This data was taken from the Gun Violence Archive on January 22.

The Hymnal 1982 - #448 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Deus tuorum militum



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

Song of Praise

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.

Collects

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reynolds Whalen

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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111



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1 Alleluia! I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole **heart**, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congre-**gation**.

2 Great are your deeds, O **God**; *
they are studied by all who delight in **them**.

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3 Your work is full of majesty and **splendor**, *
and your righteousness endures for **ever**.

4 You make your marvelous works to be re-**membered**; *
you are gracious and full of com-**passion**.

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5 You give food to those who **fear** you; *
you are ever mindful of your **covenant**.

6 You have shown your people the power of your **works** *
in giving them the lands of the **nations**.

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7 The works of your hands are faithfulness and **justice**; *
all your commandments are **sure**.

8 They stand fast for ever and **ever**, *
because they are done in truth and **equity**.

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9 You sent redemption to your people; /
you commanded your covenant for **ever**; *
holy and awesome is your **Name**.

10 The fear of God is the beginning of **wisdom**; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; /
God's praise endures for **ever**.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Steve Houghton

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one

God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

The Rev. Jimmy Pickett

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Jimmy

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed

Bill Hattendorf

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Jeanne Canteen

Let us pray.

Jesus, Holy One of God, your teaching astounded those in the synagogue. Build up your Church through godly preachers and teachers of your word. Excite our hearts to declare your glory.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Jesus, Holy One of God, your authority awakened the people. Raise up leaders of vision and justice. Sustain all who carry the burden of government.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Jesus, Holy One of God, your fame spread throughout the region. Draw our hearts to value integrity above image and to know our worth lies in your love. May we model our lives on you.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Jesus, Holy One of God, your healing sparked amazement. Give peace to all disturbed by ailments of mind, body, or spirit, especially Kate, Martha, Carolyn, Samantha, Patter, Ann, and Linda. We remember Thomas Orvis for whom today's altar flowers are given. We give thanks for the ministry of our Choir. At this time, I invite your prayers of thanksgiving or intercession either silently, aloud, or in the comment section of our virtual worship.

Silence

Pour out your compassionate love.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Jesus, Holy One of God, you bring life to all in the shadow of death. Raise up all who have died. Bring us to rejoice in your courts for ever.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Trusting in your unfailing love, we commend these and all our prayers to your grace and mercy.

Amen.

(Source: Intercessions for Years A, B, and C by Ian Black, adapted for use at S3JA)

Confession

Bill

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

Having received God's word of hope and new life, we share a sign of God's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

O Saviour of the World

John Goss (1800-1880)

O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen. (Salvator mundi, salva nos)

The Preparation of the Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Heather

Eucharistic Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Hymnal 1982 - S114

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is the one that com - eth -

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Then the Celebrant continues...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Spiritual Communion

Please join us for a moment of quiet, and then we invite those worshipping at home and any moved to pray with them in solidarity to join in the prayer for spiritual communion.

Silence

Let us pray:

Living God, holy Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We who do not receive the sacrament of bread and wine today long for your spiritual presence, that we may be strengthened by your grace, and that we may draw ever-closer to you and to one another. We pray you, come into our hearts, that we may live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive communion, or a blessing. If you wish for gluten free wafer, please tell the clergy.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us give thanks for this meal:

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements *(see back pages)*

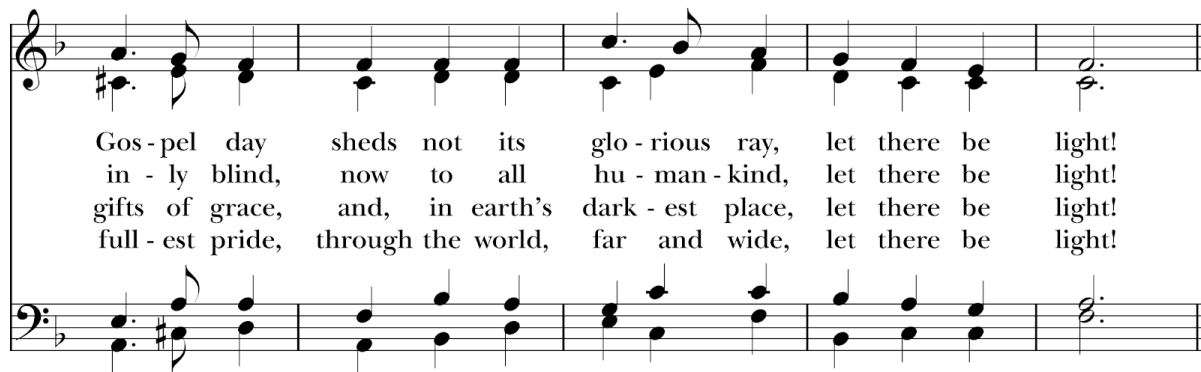
The Hymnal 1982 - #371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Dismissal

Jimmy

This service has ended. Now let ours begin.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Little Prelude & Fugue in F major, BWV 556 formerly attributed to J. S. Bach

Prayer List

Names are on the list for 4 weeks, then removed. Feel free to add a name again.

Kate, Martha, Carolyn, Samantha, Patter, Ann, and Linda

Announcements

FAQ's: Question of the Week

What is an Annual Meeting?

An Annual Meeting is a meeting of the members of a parish. According to our [diocesan canons and constitutions](#) (Canon 16; Section 4), we must hold a parish meeting by February 15 each year in order to elect vestry members, officers, and delegates to diocesan convention. The budget of the parish is presented, and the rector, vestry officers, or other parish leaders may plan additional presentations and/or parish wide conversations. Special parish meetings may be held with advanced notice. A quorum of 10% of parish members (25 people at SsJA) is required to hold the meeting.

Today - Ringing for Remembrance:

We grieve the continuing epidemic of gun violence in our country. On the last Sunday of each month we will remember the victims of gun violence. The celebrant will begin the service by sharing the number of persons lost to gun violence so far that month (using data collected by the [Gun Violence Archive](#)), and we will toll the bell for one minute as we remember, grieve, and pray. For a more active response to the reality of gun violence, we encourage you to [sign up with The Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) to receive emailed emailing us 'action alerts', directions for encouraging our congressional representatives to take specific positions on legislation involving social justice issues.

January 31 - Morning Prayer at 6:15 a.m.

Offered on Facebook Live. Service led by Audley Robinson.

January 31 - Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

Offered in All Saints Chapel. Service led by the Rev. Jimmy Pickett. Followed by a social gathering.

January Office Hours

Office is closed January 30th. Regular office hours (see below) will resume Feb 1st.

The 2024 Parish Directory

Is now available. You can pick one up from the ushers this morning, or contact the office for a printed or pdf copy. There are bound to be further corrections. Please contact the office with any change at office@saintsjamesandandrew.org

Seeking Lenten Breadmakers

We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to sign up to bake our bread during Lent and Holy Week. There is a simple recipe that would be provided, and we would schedule folks for specific Sundays based on their availability. If interested, please contact Rev. Heather at heather.blais@gmail.com

We will begin our observance of a holy Lent on February 14

You are invited to wear your ashes, to claim repentance, grace and deep relationship with God for the challenges of your daily life. Join us for any of the following worship opportunities:

Ash Wednesday Worship at 9 a.m.

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist in All Saints Chapel.

Ashes to Go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Ashes to Go", a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. near the corner of Church and Federal Streets in front of the church.

Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m.

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist in the Church. The service will also be live-streamed.

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The Rev. Heather J. Blais, Rector

The Rev. Jimmy Pickett, Missioner

Office Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Closed Holidays)