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*St. James' Episcopal Church welcomes you to our service of worship.  
If you are searching for a spiritual home,  
we invite you to become part of our community of faith and love.*

*The mission of St. James' Church derives from the nature of the church.  
It exists for the good of all people, to spread the word of  
God's Salvation and to bring people to know Jesus Christ.*



**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist  
6 February 2021 5 PM  
7 February 2021 9:30 AM**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

Blessed be God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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**

**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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 147:1-12, 21c**

#### ***Laudate Dominum***

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*

**how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

<sup>2</sup> The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \* **he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted \* **and binds up their wounds.**

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars \* **and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \* **there is no limit to his wisdom.**

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the lowly, \* **but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*

**make music to our God upon the harp.**

<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds \* **and prepares rain for the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*

**and green plants to serve mankind.**

<sup>10</sup> He provides food for flocks and herds \*

**and for the young ravens when they cry.**

<sup>11</sup> He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*

**he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

<sup>12</sup> But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*

**in those who await his gracious favor.**

<sup>21</sup> **Hallelujah!**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

*A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.*

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

## **The Gospel**

## **Mark 1:29-39**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark .*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many

who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. *The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Homily

### The Nicene Creed

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Presider:* Let us pray to the God of compassion who heals the broken and binds up their wounds.

*Intercessor(s)*

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For the church throughout the world and for all who proclaim the message of God's healing love. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of the world and for all who promote human dignity. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick in body, mind, or spirit and for all who assist them with hands of healing. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those burdened by anxious days and sleepless nights. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those whose labor is hard and whose wages are inadequate. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have passed through suffering and death and for the dawn of eternal life in God's presence. **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James, and all the saints, let us offer one another and ourselves to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* God, who cures the sick and raises the dead to life, hear our fervent prayers and enable us to proclaim your gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept for a while.* **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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ: **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Mary the God bearer, blessed James, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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.

#### Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to come to the altar for Communion.*

#### Post Communion Prayer (*Please Stand*)

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

#### Announcements

#### Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

#### Announcements

Welcome to our service. We are happy you could join us, either in person or via technological means. May you find this worship to be bread on your spiritual journey. To join us as we worship via Zoom. Call in to 646 558.8656 Meeting ID: 317 854 854 Password: 187300 On Wednesday, Evening Prayer will be at 7 PM. Please use the same Zoom room information.

We are also reading through the Gospel of Mark with the Good Book Club and will be discussing the previous week's readings on Tuesday evening at 6PM using the same Zoom information.

Fr. Hickman may be reached at 631.320.8777.

Our next Saturday evening service will be 20 February at 5 PM.

Thank you to all who have filled out an intention card. If you still need to fill one out or need your envelopes, please contact Doreen.

### **For a Birthday**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **For Travelers**

**O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel in particular \_\_\_\_\_; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **For an Anniversary**

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**