



ST. JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

January 19, 2025
5:00P.M.

***Welcome!** Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand when the ministers of the service enter

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356

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The Sermon

The Rev. R. Lynn Hooks

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

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Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer C

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Read responsively by half verse

Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.
John 2:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God and



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The Prayers of the People – Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, Lynn, and Don, our priests; and Casey, our seminarian. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Free Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans.
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our President; Donald, the President-Elect; Jeff, our Governor; Sid, our Mayor; our family and friends serving in the military and law enforcement; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Lis, Parker, Shawn, Sue, Patrick, those on our prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially Carrie Grace and Jordan, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence.

We will exalt you, O God our King.
People **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Barrie Griffin, Dixon Smith, Kareem Badawi, Tom Colquitt, and Nancy Penn, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.