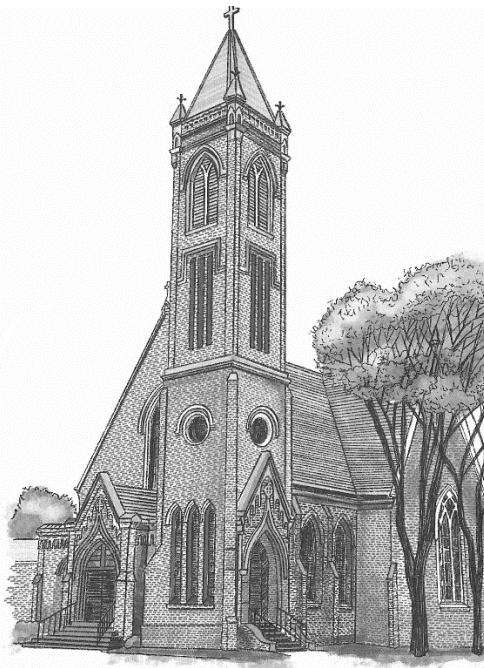


# ST. JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *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.*

## *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.

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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

February 1, 2026  
10:30A.M.

## Voluntary

Arietta

Samuel Colridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

## Welcome & Announcements

All stand.

## Hymn 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je sus.  
I want to look at Je sus.  
I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and we  
When we have run with pa-tience the race,

star of my life is Je sus.  
show me the way to the Fa ther.  
shall know the joy of Je sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all. The  
 night and the day are both alike. The  
 Lamb is the light of the city of God.

*a tempo*

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)  
 Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
 People      And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* 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.**

*Children desiring to go to Children's Chapel may join the procession.*

*The people are seated for the lessons*

## The Lessons

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

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

*Sung by the Choir*

Psalm 15

Anglican Chant: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
    he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

- <sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- <sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- <sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

All stand.

## Hymn 440

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to  
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness  
3. Gracious Lord, thyself imprint! Light of Light, from God pro-

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred shroud-ed, till thy Spirit breaks our night ced-ing, open thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings with the beams of truth un-cloud-ed; thou a lone to help us by thy Spirit's plead-ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho-ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole-ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with-in us.  
Church up-rais-es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais-es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will

be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Duncan

### 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.

## The Prayers of the People – Form VI

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Commission on Liturgy & Music, the Commission on Ministry, the Ecumenical Commission, and the Louisiana Interchurch Conference.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Amanda, Sandy, Laurie, Lucius, Elizabeth, Stephen, and those on our prayer list.

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially, Victoria, Mazie, Susanna, Faith, Jamie, Amelia, Courtney, Jeanne, and Charlotte, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence.

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, especially Juanita Johnson, Barbara Hughes, Diane Sumner, Natalie Barrow, Jeffrey Blackwell, Sr., and Brenda West, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Offertory Anthem

Music: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899–1993)

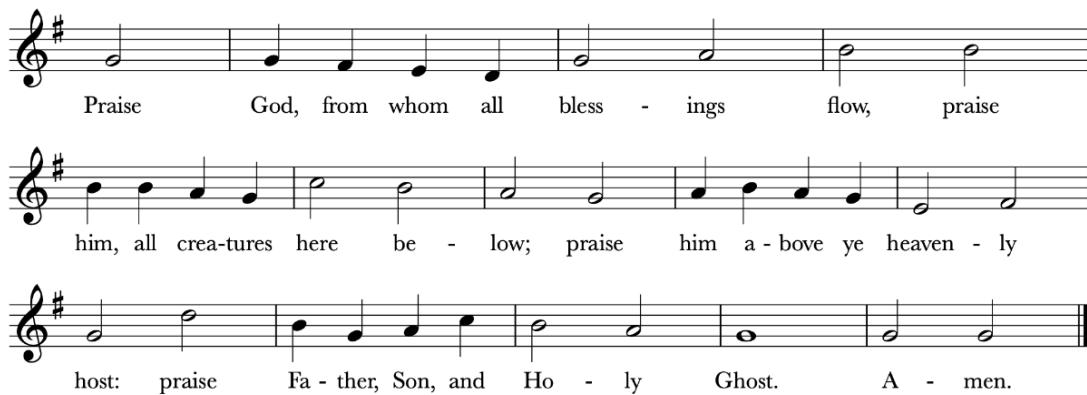
arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near, when my light is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone; at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*All stand.*

## Hymn at the Presentation



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?)

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer C

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

S 127

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

pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in common time and G major, featuring a melody line with various note values (eighth and sixteenth notes) and rests. The lyrics "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the" are written below the notes. The bottom staff is also in common time and G major, showing a continuation of the melody with a different harmonic progression. The lyrics "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_" are written below the notes. The music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef.

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

The people may stand or kneel

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**  
**as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*Celebrant 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*An anthem at the Fraction is sung by the Choir*

*Please notify an usher to have Eucharist brought to you.*

## Hymn 605

What does the Lord require

*Sharpehorne*

*The people may stand or kneel*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

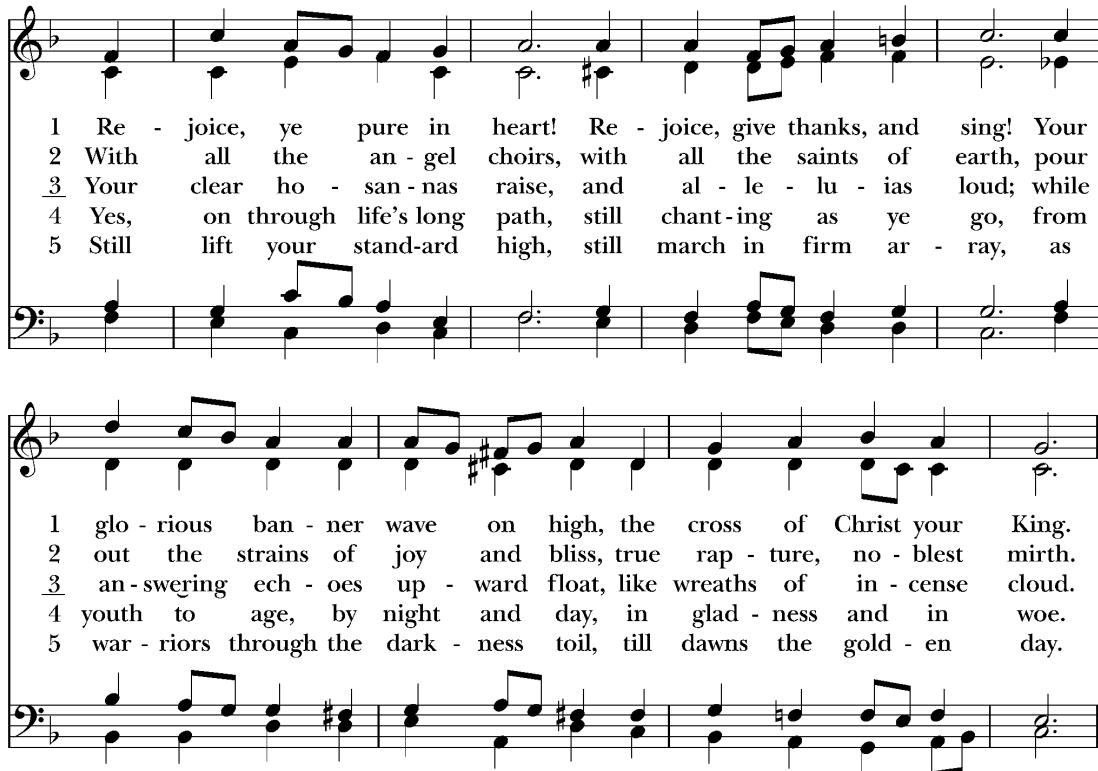
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Hymn 556



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, give thanks, and sing.  
re - joyce, re - joyce,

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.

Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Dialogue sur les grands jeux *from* Messe pour les Convents

Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God,  
in loving memory of Diane Barnwell Sumner by Ann & Wendell Holmes,  
and in thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Lindley Spaht Dodson by Katherine & Ben Dampf

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