

Holy Communion

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2026

Welcome to Saint James!

We're so glad you're here.
Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Join in as you're comfortable-listening, reading, praying, and singing.

If you need to step away at any time, you can reenter through the main doors in the back of the sanctuary. Other exterior doors are locked during the service. Restrooms can be found near those main doors, in the narthex (the back foyer of the worship space).

We love kids in our services, noises and all! The **Family Den** (in the back) is a space for nursing or wrangling as desired. **Children's activity bags** are available in the narthex (foyer). **Nursery** is available during the service for children ages 0-3k (an Usher can show you where). During the gospel reading, children aged 4k-5th grade are invited to come to the center and then to follow the cross to **Children's Chapel**. They return during the announcements.

We'd love to give you a welcome bag on your way out. And please join us for coffee and snacks in the Parish Hall after the service.

Learn more and connect further on our website (Saint-James.org), or by dropping a Visitor Card in the offering plate.

Parking note: Extra parking spaces are available around Town Hall. We ask that you avoid parking in the shopping center across the street–they've asked us not to.

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About the Season After Pentecost

The Season After Pentecost – also known as "Ordinary Time" – is the season of church life that stretches from Pentecost to Advent. Our readings focus on the life of Israel (awaiting Christ), the life of Jesus (the Christ himself), and the life of the Church (sent by Christ into the world until His return). Called 'ordinary' because it includes no major Christian feasts (like Christmas and Easter), this season is nevertheless full of wonder and meaning. It is meant to encourage God's people to live their 'ordinary' lives in the extra-ordinary power of the Holy Spirit, who came to us at Pentecost.

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The Prelude

The Processional *"O for a thousand tongues to sing"*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood

My gracious Master and my God,assist me to proclaim,to spread throughout the earth abroadthe honors of thy name.

Carl Gotthelf Glaser, Charles Wesley
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The Acclamation BCP p. 123

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

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 124

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.

The Summary of the Law

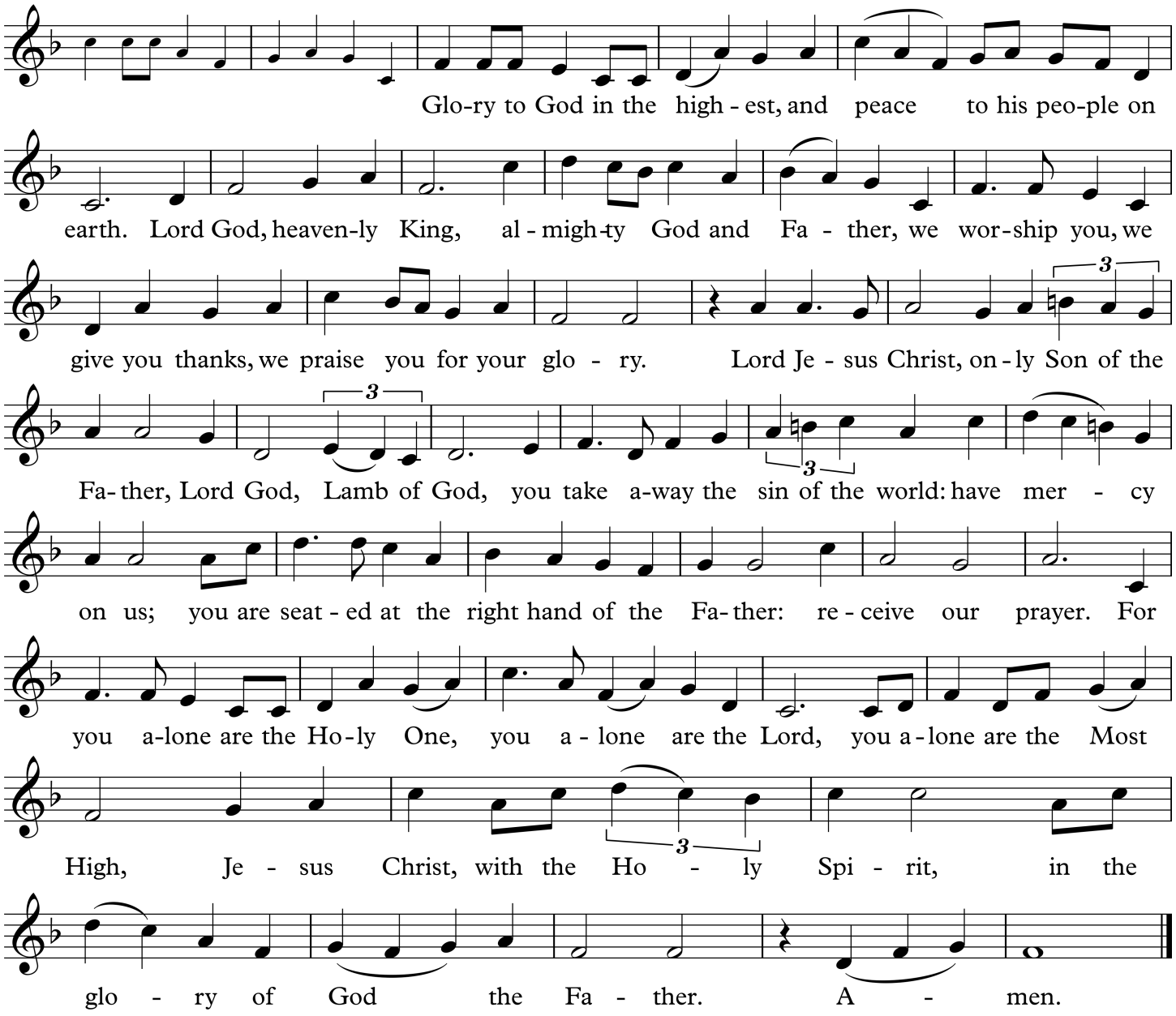
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSON EZEKIEL 34:11-20 ESV

11 “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a
shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep,
and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13
And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their
own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the
country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land.
There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I
will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the
weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. 17 “As for you, my flock, thus says the
Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18 Is it not enough for you
to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of
clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must my sheep eat what you have
trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord God
to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

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

THE PSALM PSALM *95* *(BCP)*

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are all the depths of the earth *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
8 Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,
9 When your fathers tested me, *
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, *
“It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,”
11 Of whom I swore in my wrath *
that they should not enter into my rest.

Children ages 4k to 5th grade are invited to join the cross in the center aisle for the reading of the Gospel.
After the reading, they may follow the cross to Children's Chapel. Children return during the Announcements.

THE GOSPEL HYMN *“MIGHTY TO SAVE”*

Ev’ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev’ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then
the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave
me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited
me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see
you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome
you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will
answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’41
“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil
and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a
stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit
me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked
or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as
you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

“MIGHTY TO SAVE”

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev’rything I believe
Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
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THE SERMON

TIME OF REFLECTION

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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

Please kneel as able. After each bidding, the congregation offers their own short prayers on the theme, silently or aloud. Each concludes:

Leader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also
for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Online giving is available at saint-james.org/give

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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THE DOXOLOGY

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise!

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 BCP P. 134

**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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP P. 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians in good standing in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion.
Prayer teams, positioned near the front on either side of the room, are available to pray with you during communion or after the service.

"THE BLESSING"

Verse
The Lord bless you And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus
Amen, Amen, Amen

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"MYSTERY"

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity
Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity
Bread of heaven broken for me
Cup of Salvation held out to drink
Jesus mystery

Christ has died and
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Celebrate His death and rising
Lift your eyes proclaim His coming
Celebrate His death and rising
Lift your eyes lift your eyes
(Repeat)

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP P. 137

Heavenly Father, 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL *"JOYFUL JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE"*

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer teams are available to pray with you and are positioned in the front of the room on the right side. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Announcements

See full details and more at saint-james.org

- **Church Closed- Friday, November 27 (day after Thanksgiving.)**
- **Advent Wreath Making- November 29: 4:00- 6:00pm. M**ake a wreath to take home for the Advent season. Wreath forms, candles, and hot chocolate provided. Please bring greenery and your best cookies to share! Contact Claire Buxton at CBuxton@saint-james.org.
- **Dinner for St. Alban's Chapel- November 30: 5:30pm.** If you would like to participate in serving dinner to the cadets at the Citadel, please contact Claire Buxton at CBuxton@Saint-James.org.
- **Arts & Faith Group- December 7: 6:00pm.** Creatives are invited to share and discuss various mediums of art they may be exploring. Meet in the Family Den (located near front entrance of the Sanctuary) Contact Jane Read at Jane@billread.me.
- **Christmas Pageant- December 20: 4:00pm** with live animals and carols. Contact Sam English at SEnglish@Saint-James.org if you would like your child to participate. Soup & sourdough will be served in the Parish Hall directly afterwards. Contact Claire Buxton at CBuxton@Saint-James.org if you would like to sign up to bring soup and/or sourdough.
- **Christmas Eve Services: 4:00pm and 10:00pm**

Prayer

- **For Healing:** David Agee, Lois Bouknight, Amarylis Cranwell, Jack Cranwell, Ernie Droze, Art Field, Rebecca Flood, Mary Forbes, Carl Green, Erin Stockwell Grimm, Tim Harrelson, George Haynsworth, Heckmann Family, Bill Huff, Matthew Lehman, Debi Myers, Rob Pierce, Bill Porcher, Michael Rutherford, Jon Scot, Carol Shue, Jeff Switzer, Sondra Switzer, Charles Watts, Vivian Watts, Hanna Debruhl, Robert Doscher, Nicole Henn, Sharon Willis
- **For Protection:** Aiden Burgess, Bradon Malasky, Brittany Swafford, Trey Thompson, Thomas Tilson, Rylea Swafford
- **Request Prayer:** You are invited to request prayer via the **prayer box** in the narthex. It is checked regularly by clergy. Daughters of the Holy Cross members also pray for our parish daily and will pray for anyone who would like to be added to their prayer list. All prayers are kept confidential.

Today's Servers

Acolyte Team: Charlie Cope, Edmund Cope, Aubrie Nichols, Aurelia Nichols, Lila Smithson, Eliza Cate Volousky, Lenox Williams
Children's Chapel: Debbie Morillo
Nursery: Cadence Volousky, Lydia Unsworth
Audio Visual: Bill Read
Flower Guild: Dale White
Altar Guild: Tina Thompson, Vivian Watts, Maureen Lehman
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