

# St. James Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist

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### The Opening Hymn Christ, when for us you were baptized (H121)

The Hymnal 1982 - #121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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### Liturgy of the Word

**Our service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer**

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People** His mercy endures 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.*

## **The 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.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you

*People And also with you*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

#### Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

## The Response

### Psalm 29

#### *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Epistle

### Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Church.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn** When Christ's appearing was made known (H131)

1 When Christ's appearing was made known,  
King Herod trembled for his throne;  
But he who offers heav'nly birth  
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

2 The eastern sages saw from far  
And followed on his guiding star;  
By light their way to light they trod,  
And by their gifts confessed their God.

3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That he, of whom no sin was known,  
Might cleanse his people from their own.

4 Oh, what a miracle divine,  
When water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

5 All glory, Jesus, be to thee  
for this thy glad epiphany  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.**

*People*            *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

The Gospel of the Lord

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon** *Pastor Steve Quist*

### **The Nicene Creed page 358**

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and 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 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 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 dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People page 392 Form VI**

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

*(Silence)*

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who  
are alone.*

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy.*

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Craig our Bishop; and for  
all bishops and other ministers;  
*People For all who serve God in his Church.*

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(The People may add their own petitions)*

Reader Hear us, Lord;

*People For your mercy is great.*

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People And praise your Name forever and ever.*

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(The People may add their own petitions)*

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People Who put their trust in you.*

### **The Confession page 360**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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 page 360**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**           The sinless one to Jordan, came (H120)

The sinless one to Jordan came,  
and in the river shared our stain;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled,  
and chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,  
the Father's voice did then declare  
that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
to lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly dove,  
the sign of God the father's love,  
now by the Holy Spirit shed  
upon the Son's anointed head.

O Christ, may we baptized from sin,  
go forth with you a world to win;  
grant us the Holy Spirit's power  
to shield us in temptation's hour.

On you may all your people feed,  
and know you are the bread indeed,  
who gives eternal life to those  
that with you died and with you rose.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

God 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.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our

human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 God, now and forever. *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.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The minister receives the Sacrament in both kinds.  
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

### **Post Communion Hymn "I come" the great Redeemer cries (H116)**

1. "I come," the great Redeemer cries,  
"To do thy will, O Lord!"

At Jordan's stream, behold!  
He seals the sure prophetic word.

2. "Thus it becomes to fulfill  
all righteousness," he said.  
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,  
through Jordan's flood was led.

3. Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks  
from heaven's exalted height:  
"This is my Son, my well-beloved  
in whom I take delight."

4. The Savior Jesus, well-beloved!  
His Name we will profess,  
like him desirous to fulfill  
God's will in righteousness.

5. No more we'll count ourselves our own  
but his in bonds of love.  
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw  
our souls to things above!

*The Celebrant says,*

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**

# Recessional When Jesus went to Jordans stream (H139)

139 Epiphany

1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will  
2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -  
3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -

vey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came  
ascend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known  
di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,

a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -  
in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he  
and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed

lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."  
raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or  
world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,

And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or  
to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him  
but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the

wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.  
nev - er, He rose, and lives for ev - er.  
Spi - rit that we may life in - her - it.

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Music: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, melody from Geistliche Gesangbuchlein 1524

## The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.