

Recessional: Rejoice, the Lord is king  
The Dismissal

Green Hymnal 342

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in  
loving memory of Edmund Heiligman by The Rev. Sally Heiligman*

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## *Third Advent*

*December 15, 2024, 9:00 am*

### *Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.  
Please use this Service Leaflet along with your  
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts  
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

#### *Worship & Ministry Leaders*

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Phyllis & Jim Foster	Charles Tuttle, II
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*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

**At the lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)**

**Hymnal 56**

**Processional: Rejoice, rejoice believers**

**Hymnal 68**

**Opening Sentence**

**BCP 355**

**The Gloria**

**BCP 356**

**The Collect**

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. AMEN.**

**The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

## Canticle 9

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

## The Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Gradual Hymn: How bright appears (vs 1)

Hymnal 497

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

## BCP 86

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.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form II

The Confession of Sin

The Peace

The Rev. Laura Miller

BCP 358

BCP 385

BCP 360

BCP 360

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Sanctus

BCP 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

*All baptized persons are welcome  
to receive communion at God's holy table.*

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Hymn: Baptized in water

Green Hymnal 679

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

## *Welcome to Worship*

**Welcome to our guests this morning!** We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

**Prayer request cards** are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

**Daily devotional:** For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* from the welcome table to use in your daily prayers.

## *To keep in your prayers*

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We give thanks for the diocese of West Virginia. In our Diocese we ask God's blessing and favor on lay leaders, wardens, vestries, and clergy spouses and their families.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Duane, Heidi, Mikela, Sharon, Bill, Sally, Carol, Jack, Al, Joe, Judy, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Bob, Susi, Dori, Jackie, Vicki, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Mtr. Sally Heiligman who celebrates a birthday this week.

## *Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest*

### *This week at St. James'*

**Today:** Join us for coffee hour after the service.

**Pledge cards** were due last Sunday - if you have not yet turned your card in, please do so today. Cards are on the welcome table.

**During Advent** we will gradually put up the decorations for Christmas. Today we will do the garland and the wreaths. Please help after coffee hour.

**Christmas Family** - Today is the due date! Put your gift, wrapped, with the tag under the giving tree.

**Christmas Flowers** - please have your form in to the office by Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Forms are on the welcome table.

**Our Christmas service** will be at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. Plan to join us for this festive and joyful service! Coffee and cookies will be served after the service.

**Looking for a way to help?** Join a committee on fundraising and event planning. See Mtr. Laura.

### *Weekly at St. James'*

**AA meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, and Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm** in the parish Hall.

**Monday & Tuesday:** Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

**Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall** from 4:30-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

**Saturdays:** Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

### *Coming soon...*

**Bible Study** - stay tuned for our next session.

**Community Dinner** - January 8 at Sacred Heart, 5 pm. Host to be announced.