

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: Comfort, comfort ye Hymnal 67

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional: People, look East Green Hymnal 161

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Faye & Jency Cudney by Scott Cudney*

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*Worship & Ministry Leaders*

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Kitty & Steve Lobban	Phyllis & Jim Foster
Lay Reader	Betsy Birchenough	Mick McDonald
Intercessor	Bonnie Magno	Scott Cudney

*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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## *Second Advent*

*December 8, 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.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

**At the lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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

**Hymnal 56**

**Processional: Prepare the way O Zion**

**Hymnal 65**

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

The Gloria

BCP 356

The Collect

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.**

**The First Lesson: Baruch 5:1-9**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

## Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## The Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## BCP 92

## Gradual Hymn: How bright appears (vs 1) Hymnal 497

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

### 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: There's a voice in the wilderness crying Hymnal 75

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

## *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 Texas. In our Diocese we ask God's blessing and favor on the homeless and for chaplains serving around the diocese.

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.

## *Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest*

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

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

**During Advent** we will gradually put up the decorations for Christmas. Please contact Dcn. Barb if you can help.

**Community Dinner** - At Sacred Heart, Wednesday, December 11 from 5-6. Host and menu to be determined

*You are invited!*

## *Christmas Party/Open House*

*Hosted by Mtr. Laura & Larry Miller*

*Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*

*At the Rectory*

*2:00-5:00 pm*

*33 Lower Hubbell Lane*

**Christmas Family** - We have been assigned one family with three children. The giving tree is up in the Parish Hall - please take a tag, and bring the gift, wrapped, with the tag by next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### *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.