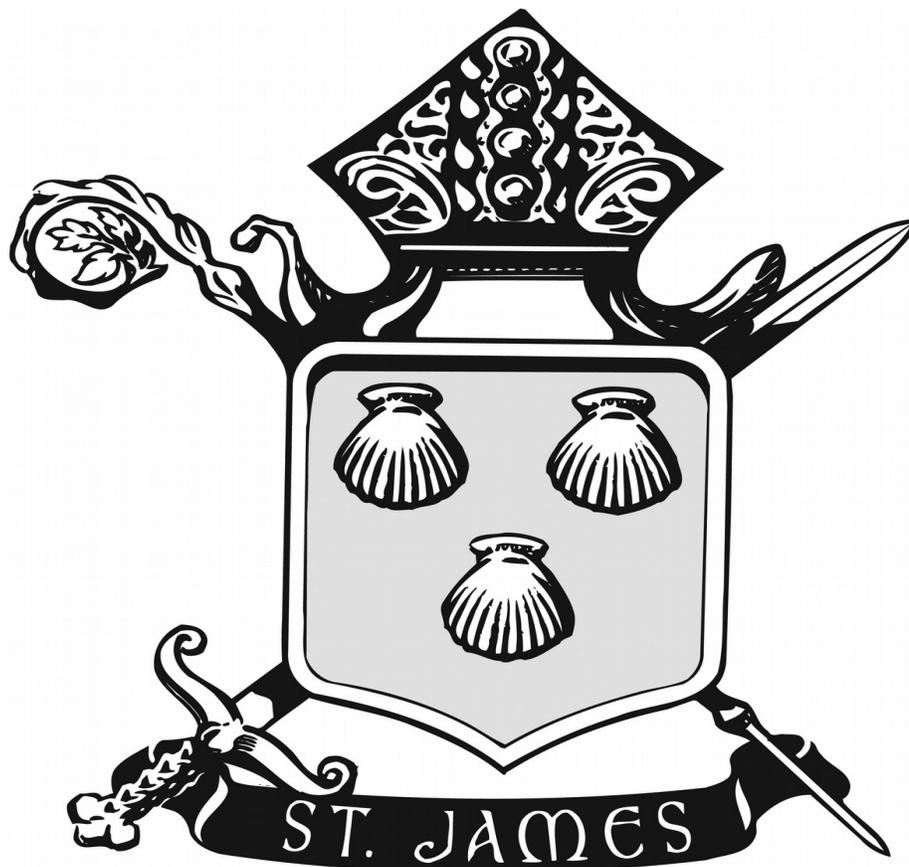


SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH
Fresno, California

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

1:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Ancient Text



*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the
desert a highway for our God.*

Isaiah 40:3

St. James' Anglican Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VISION

We are seeking God's place for us in the world by abiding in Christ, following His teaching, discerning His will, and staying committed to godly fellowship and our Anglican heritage.

INFORMATION

Website - www.stjas.org

St James' Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stjas.org>

SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 am Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Church Office, 1300 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 174

1:30 pm Family Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way,
Fresno, CA 93704

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday

8:00 am - Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist

1300 East Shaw Ave., Suite 174

Fresno, CA 93710

The Holy Eucharist:

Please stand after an opening Scripture is read.

Prelude: He Is Coming as the Sunlight
Alleluia He is Coming

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1-4) Page #22

The Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

The Celebrant: Blessed be God: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant prays (and the people may be invited to join).

Celebrant: 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 magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Summary of the Law

The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord you 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 your self. On these two commandments depend all the

Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Kyrie: *(Merbecke)*

The Celebrant and people may sing or pray together once or three times.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Trisagion

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us. x3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons *(Holy Scripture is from the English Standard Version. The Psalm is from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Ed.)*

Please be seated.

After each Reading, the Lector may say, The Word of the Lord.

People may respond,

Thanks be to God.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples--of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Psalm 72 *Deus, iudicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 His foes shall bow down before him, *
and his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *

- he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live!
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; *
may prayer be made for him always,
and may they bless him all the day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth,
growing thick even on the hilltops; *
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,
and its grain like grass upon the earth.
- 17 May his Name remain for ever
and be established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him and
call him blessed.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 15:1-13

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as

it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Gradual:

On Jordan's Bank

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Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of

one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon – Fr. Carlos Raines

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 Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

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

The Prayers of the People

After each bidding there is a time for the Clergy and People to add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

The Deacon or appointed person says

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop; and Eric, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, for blessings upon Campus Bible Church and Pastor Jim Cecy, for the Lord to lead us in unity to the place He has for us, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, and for our missionaries and especially for Christina, Aimee, Stephen, Peter and Sylvia, and Brad and Sue, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, for all in public service, and for Donald, our President; Gavin, our Governor; and Lee, our mayor of Fresno and Drew, our mayor of Clovis, let us pray to the Lord.
Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially], in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially those on our Intercessory Prayer List,] let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Intercessory Prayer List:

Rita Nitschke Cancer

Judy Johnson Cancer

Pr Arlynn Turnquist Strength

Uma Chand Cancer

Gladys Avakian Healing

Rebecca Mackey Depression

Suzy Gazlay Strength & Healing

Daughters of the Holy Cross

Rance Quercia Strength, faith & peace

Kathy Graveline Cancer

Please pray for new leaders for our youth/young adults.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

I ask your thanksgivings for _____.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

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

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

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

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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 Absolution

The Bishop or Priest 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 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.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.

The People stand while the offerings are presented.

If a doxology has not been sung, the following may be used.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Need Prayer?

Prayer is available during Holy Communion time in the prayer area

and after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in a red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.

Receiving Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion. If you choose not to receive, please indicate by crossing your arms and you will receive a blessing.

The Sursum Corda

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.

The following or a Proper Preface is said

The Celebrant concludes

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:

The Sanctus *(Hurd)*

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant and People

The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated*

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. (*Celebrant and People*)

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 forever. Amen.

The Celebrant then says

*And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to **Say:***

Celebrant and People together pray

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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 Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

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

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, 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 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.

Agnus Dei (*Hurd*)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

The Ministration of Communion

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say 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.]

or this

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

or this

Celebrant and People

Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People. The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

Communion Music:

Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God.
My spirit yearns for You.
Hide me in Your fathering arms,
Fill up my longing soul.

*Flood over me like a river, my God.
Immerse me in Your living stream.
Awaken the song that You placed in my heart.
Spirit, breathe on me. Spirit, breathe on me.*

Breathe on me, breath of God.
Burn bright, eternal fire.
Father, draw me near to Your heart,
You are my one desire.
1998 Terry Butler and Cindy Rethmeier CCLI#957303

Holy Spirit Come to Us

Holy Spirit, come to us
Kindle in us the fire of your love
Holy Spirit, come to us.
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The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or a seasonal blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A hymn, psalm or anthem may be sung after the Blessing (or following the Dismissal).

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The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

or this

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: All My Heart This Day Rejoices, Op. 587, Carson P Cooman

Welcome! Visitors

We are so pleased that you are here with us. Please fill out the "Communication Page" on the back cover and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, and then join us for coffee in the Solarium after the service.

An Anglican Catechism

<http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/catechis>

Question of the Week

Concerning the Sacraments

What signs of the Holy Spirit's work do you hope and pray to see as a result of your baptism?

I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit who indwells me will help me to be an active member of my Christian community, participate in worship, continually repent and return to God, proclaim the faith, love and serve my neighbor, and strive for justice and peace. *(Hebrews 10:25; 12:14; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 John 1:9; 2:1)*

Help Needed!!!

The nursery needs two more helpers and Sunday School needs one more teacher. If you are interested please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042) or kasadevelez@gmail.com

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School lessons and activities are available for children ages preschool to 5th grade during the church service. Children meet in the back of the church during the Gradual (song before the Gospel reading) and will walk to the classroom together. They will return during the exchanging of the peace so they can join their families during Communion. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with children's ministry, please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042 or kasadevelez@gmail.com).

Nursery Service

Nursery service is also available for infants and toddlers up to age 4.

Adult Forum

When: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: Mark & Wendy DeRaud's home at 1161 W. Celeste, Fresno

Our next adult forum's topic will be chosen on Dec. 8th.

Daughters of the Holy Cross Prayer Box

The Daughters of the Holy Cross have a prayer box for your prayer requests.

The Daughters will pray for you daily for one month or longer upon your request. Cover yourself in prayer by these servants of God. The prayer box is located right inside the door as you enter the church

Widows in Christ

We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month

Fellowship and Prayer Support

For more information contact Dana Taylor 559-437-0971

If we walk in the light as HE is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

1 John 7

Requests for Assistance from St. Stephen's Fund

To request assistance from the Companions of St. Stephen's Fund, please call the church office at (559) 222-3721 during business hours or call Jeanine Werner at (559) 875-2465.

Children's Pageant Practices

There will be a practice today, Dec. 8, following the Church service and next week, Dec. 15, following the service. The practice will last about 20 minutes. If your child is in the pageant, please be sure to attend.

Tonight! December 8th

Mountain Madness

Where: Fr. Carlos and Carol Raines home

3805 E. Dakota, Fresno 93726

Time: 5:00 pm Pot Luck Supper

Harlan Young will present a DVD on his backpack trip across the Sierra's in the Summer of 2018.

Also the movie *Free Solo* by Alex Honnold about his daring ascent of El Capitan.

Campus Bible Church is inviting St. James' Church to a Family Fun Night, Sunday, December 15th, 5-8 pm.

Bring the whole family for an evening of fellowship, food, fun and Caroling. Help spread some Christmas cheer around our Maple and Palm campus neighborhoods!

The evening will start with dinner and a fun Nativity Gingerbread making competition. After dinner and the Gingerbread competition, we will head in groups into the neighborhood around Campus to encourage our neighbors with Christmas Caroling. [Sign-up Sheet in Narthex!](#)

Advent Giving Opportunity – Nepal and Kenya

We can help Anglican Relief and Development Fund meet the needs of the villagers in Nepal and Kenya with access to clean water and reliable, low-cost lighting. Streams Water Purification Tablets to purify water in the villages in rural Nepal and Xtorch solar powered lights for students in Nepal and Kenya. To make a gift, please make your check payable to St. James Anglican Church for any amount you decide designated for the “water/light gift” and we will send all funds received to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund as a gift from our church as a whole.

Please Note!!
There will be no Coffee Hour on December 15th

Birthdays

December 8-14

Anniversaries

Al & Uma Chand

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ST. JAMES' CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Eric Menees, Bishop
The Very Rev. Carlos L. Raines, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Dale Matson, Priest
The Rev. Anna Hearn, Deacon

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Ministry Assignment

Rector's Warden
People's Warden/Pastoral Care
Missions
Evangelism/Hospitality
Transition/Ushers/Greeters
Children/Youth Ministry
Prayer Ministries
Church Treasurer

St. James' Mission Statement

We will fulfill our Mission by focusing on:

1. Teaching the whole counsel of God through liturgical worship and devotion to prayer and praise.
2. Offering gifts and talents expressed in relationships.
3. Small Groups.
4. Building a relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.
5. Making disciples for outreach to the valley and to the world.
6. Caring ministries and Communion for those unable to attend.
7. Reaching out to youth.

Nursery- (0-4) is available throughout the worship service, although parents are encouraged to pick up their children after the peace for communion.

Prayer

- Prayer is available during Holy Communion in the prayer area and also after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in the red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.
- Daughters of the Holy Cross prayer chain - Kathy Willson: 981-0513 or Valerie Norman-Shaul 299-9149.

This Week at a Glance

Monday-Friday

8:00 am – Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

Tuesday:

6:00 pm – Choir Practice – Church Office Chapel

Wednesday:

7:00 pm – St. James' Men's Group – DeRaud's home
1161 W. Celeste Ave, Fresno 93711

Thursday:

6:00 am – Prayer and Praise – Church Office Chapel

Sunday Services:

8:00 am – Church Office, 1300 E. Shaw Ave., #174, Fresno

1:30 pm – Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way, Fresno
(No coffee hour on Sunday, December 15th)

5:00 pm – Campus Bible Church, Family Fun Night