

**ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

TAMPA, FL

February 11, 2024

*The Last Sunday after Epiphany*

**The Gathering of God's People**



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**Prelude**

*Sun Of My Soul*

*Arr. Southbridge*

## Opening Hymn

### *Come, Thou Fount*

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise:  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here, I raise mine Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home:  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy Courts above.

## Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, 355

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity** (*in unison*)

**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.**

**Song Of Praise**      *Your Word, O Lord, Is A Lamp*

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp,  
A lamp unto my feet!  
Your word, O Lord is a lamp  
And leads me into life.

May we begin to see Your presence in all the world around.  
May we touch, taste, hear, and smell Your presence,  
For Your love perfectly surrounds.  
Yes, Your love perfectly surrounds.

**The Collect of the Day** (*in unison*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## The First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*To end, the Lector says* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 50:1-6**

### ***Deus deorum***

#### ***Refrain: The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken***

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

### **The Epistle Reading**

### **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Chorus:** Speak Lord, I'm listening; plant your word down deep in me.  
Speak Lord, I'm listening; please show me the way.

1 Sometimes my heart is slow to follow you;  
teach me to hear and understand.  
And I'm told the things you promise,  
and I hope they all come true.  
And I know what waits for those who wait,  
and put their trust in you. (*Chorus*)

2 Sometimes I stumble on my way to you;  
stretch out again your healing hand.  
And I'm told the things you promise,  
and I hope they all come true.  
And I know what waits for those who wait,  
and put their trust in you (*chorus*)

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 9:2-9**

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*To end, the Deacon says  
People*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ed Henley

*After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God's word to us.*

**The Nicene Creed** (*in unison*)

**BCP, 358**

**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 Prayers of the People** (*Sung*)

O Lord, our God, we lift up our hearts to You.  
O Lord, our God, your people rejoice in You.

God of the living, God of all people,  
Lord of all life, we lift up our hearts to You.

In peace we pray to You, Lord God, who hears our prayers:  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers...

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and those who are alone,  
we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For this community, Lord, our nation, and our world,  
we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all victims of hunger, fear, and injustice,  
we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth,  
we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all who have died, may they rest within your care eternally,  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

And now we give You thanks for Your presence in our lives,  
O Lord, our God.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

## **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP, 360**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Deacon and 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.**

*Priest*

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.

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.*

*All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.*

*Gifts may be made on the parish website, [sjhoptpa.org](http://sjhoptpa.org),*

*or by texting **sjhop** to 73256, or by postal mail to:*

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**Offertory Anthem**

*Glory, Glory Halleluia*

Gina Sanders

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)**

**BCP, 367**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give \*him thanks and praise. [\*or “our”, or “God”]**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People (sung)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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** (*spoken*)

*Celebrant* 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

**Agnus Dei**

*Lamb of God*

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world (x3)  
Grant us thy peace. (Repeat)**

*The Celebrant invites the People to Communion, in these or similar words*

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.

**A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those unable to worship with us in person**

*(if you are watching the live stream, please feel free to say this prayer during the sharing of Communion)*

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)***

**Communion Songs**

*Behold The Lamb*

Behold the lamb, behold the lamb.  
Slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners, crucified..mostly Holy sacrifice.  
Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Behold! The Lamb!

Behold the lamb, behold the lamb.  
Slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners, crucified..mostly Holy sacrifice.  
Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Behold! The Lamb of God,

Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Behold! The Lamb!



*God Is So Good*

God is so good.  
God is so good.  
God is so good.  
He's so good to me.

God cares for me.  
God cares for me.  
God cares for me.  
He's so good to me.

God leads me on.  
God leads me on.  
God leads me on.  
He's so good to me.

I'll do His will.  
I'll do His will.  
I'll do His will.  
He's so good to me.

Jesus is Lord.  
Jesus is Lord.  
Jesus is Lord.  
He's so good to me.

I'll trust in Him.  
I'll trust in Him.  
I'll trust in Him.  
He's so good to me.

I'll sing His praise.  
I'll sing His praise.  
I'll sing His praise.  
He's so good to me.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.*

**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 (pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.)**

*All are seated for announcements.*



## **THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE**

**Closing Hymn**

*Come Into His Presence*

Come into His presence singing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Come into His presence singing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come into His presence singing,  
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Come into His presence singing,  
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!

Come into His presence singing,  
Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the lamb!  
Come into His presence singing,  
Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the lamb!

Come into His presence singing,  
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God!  
Come into His presence singing,  
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God!

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Grand Choeur*

*-Young*



**Remember In Your Prayers** for healing, guidance, comfort, or strength  
(click [HERE](#) for link):

Camden Agboglo	Lydia Williams	Janelle Goodwin
Charnell Williams	Carol Moorehead	Peter Lockhart
Lucia Frett	Denise Andretta	Lejoan Franklin
Olivia Whittiker	Michael Carter	Margaret Booth
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder	Joe Buczek	Mozelle Rhodes
Clare Kennedy	Victor Ferguson	Dorothy Batson
Ivy Martin	Gina Norris	Delores Thomas
Mac Alexander	Margie Jefferson	Ruby Lockhart
Eleanor Solomon	Stella Jacob	Ernest Reese
Richard Grinnell	Deborah Blanchett	Warren Nunn
The Roche Family	Rick and Maureen Cybulski	

**Give thanks for...**

**Birthdays this week:** Jackie Grant (2/12), Judith Taylor-Young (2/13), Erin Jefferson (2/15), Navita James (2/16)

**Anniversaries:** None this week

### **SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	The Rev. Ed Henley
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell
<b>Musicians</b>	Linnea Norsworthy, Julius James & SJHOP Choir
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Scotland and Carotta Walker
<b>Usher</b>	Judith Taylor-Young
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Leila Mizer



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