

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

March 2, 2025

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



The Gathering of God's People

Prelude

*****Bells ring announcing the beginning of worship*****

Opening Song *Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise* *Hymnal #135*

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus Lord to thee we raise,
 Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
 Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
 Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordans stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
 And at Cana, wedding guest, in thy God head manifest;
 Manifest in power devine, changing water into wine;
 Anthem be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
 Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
 Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

4 Manifest in mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
 Where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
 When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
 Cross and Easter day attest, God in man made manifest.

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.***

Canticle of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis (sung) Hymnal S-280 (Powell)*

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 *(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

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him,

and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God who is the Holy One.

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn*Come With Us O Blessed Jesus**Hymnal #336*

1 Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be;
And though leaving now thine altar, let us nevermore leave thee.

Be thou with us for ever, in our life thy love divine
our own flesh and blood has taken, and to us thou givest thine.

2 Come with us, O mighty Savior, God from God, and Light from Light;
Thou art God, thy glory veiling, so that we may bear the sight.
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as through our prayer;
Grant us light to see and know thee, in thy people everywhere.

3 Come with us, O King of glory, by angelic voices praised;
in our hearts as in thy heaven, be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever sing it's glad exultant songs;
let its hymn be heard for ever- peace for which creation longs.

The Holy Gospel**Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

*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

At the end of each petition, the Deacon says
The people respond
At the close of the Prayers, the People respond

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.
Amen

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,

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

St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church / 2708 N. Central Ave. / Tampa FL 33602

Offertory Anthem *I've Decided To Make Jesus My Choice* *SJHOP Choir*

Presentation Hymn

Hymnal #380 (v.3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, 361

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

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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.

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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Celebrant

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

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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 (*sung*)

Hymnal S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

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

Spirit Of The Living God

LEVAS #115

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
Melt us. Mold us. Fill us. Use us.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.



O For A Closer Walk With God

Hymnal #683

1 O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?

3 Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

4 The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

5 So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

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 *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* *Hymnal #344*

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

3 so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

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



Remember In Your Prayers for healing, guidance, comfort, or strength

Camden Agboglo	Lydia Williams	Janelle Goodwin
Charnell Williams	Carol Moorehead	Denise Andretta
Lejoan Franklin	Olivia Whittiker	Michael Carter
Margaret Booth	Mozelle Rhodes	Arsenta Sibilly
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder	Joe Buczek	Clare Kennedy
Victor Ferguson	Dorothy Batson	Gina Norris
Delores Thomas	Mac Alexander	Ruby Lockhart
Eleanor Solomon	Stella Jacob	Ernest Reese
Richard Grinnell	Deborah Blanchett	Warren Nunn
Morris Kennedy	Virginia McKinney	Rick Cybulski
Maureen Cybulski	Roderick James	Errol Kirk
Denise Moore Contreras	Anna Valdes	Cory McIntosh
Denise Morris	Yvonne Thomas	

Give thanks for...

Birthdays this week: Sandra Thomas (3/2),
Lawrence Cisek (3/4)
Anais Cruz (3/4),
Mackenzie Pickering (3/8)

Anniversaries: Warren and Lorraine Williams-Nunn (3/5)

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Ed Henley

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell

Musicians

Julius James & SJHOP Choir

Lector

Carlotta Walker and Ellenor Moncrief

Usher

Robert Reeder

Camera Operator

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