



Welcome to St. James' in the City!

We're happy to have you with us this morning. We hope you find our parish to be a place of welcome and invitation. After the service, come to coffee hour in the Parish Hall across the courtyard.

Great Music – Lessons and Carols

On Sunday, December 9, we present our annual Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols at a new time – 7:30PM.



Based upon the Advent Service composed by Dean Eric Milner-White at King's College Cambridge, England, in 1934, it has since become a beloved tradition throughout the world along with its older sister, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, traditionally sung on Christmas Eve. In his Preface to the Advent service, Dean Milner-White wrote: "In the old English liturgies, the Advent Offices made a preparation for the coming of our Lord to the earth far more vivid and eager than those of our present Prayerbook. So an Advent Carol Service, if without precedent, is not without suitability, if it helps to express 'the desire of all nations and ages.'" One purpose of this service is "not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it."

The progression of the choir, starting in darkness at the back of the church and ending in brilliant light at the High Altar, symbolizes the movement from the prophetic expectation of the Messiah to the very brink of messianic fulfillment, both in the Son of God and in Christ's final coming in judgment and glory. The inclusion in this service of the Great "O" Antiphons recalls the liturgical use of these plainchant melodies on the seven days just prior to Christmas. The singing of the hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel* after the final lesson, is a recapitulation of these antiphons, and summarizes in metrical form our expectation of the coming of our Lord. We are bidden to awake and to watch, to prepare and to expect; for our God will come and save us, deliver us from the bondage of sin and death, and bring us into the radiance of God's realm of glory.

We hope you will join us for this mysterious and joyful celebration. A festive reception in the parish hall follows the service at about 9:00PM. I suggest you make this an evening of holiday refreshment: perhaps dinner at a lovely nearby restaurant with this Advent service following, and then a night-cap of fellowship in our parish hall, greeting friends and spreading good cheer!

(Parking is free at 3926 Wilshire Blvd., directly across the street from the front of the church. A pay-lot is available at Mr Pizza, across St. Andrew's Place from our church-school lot.)

~ Canon James Buonemani

SAVE THE DATE – Women's Retreat!



Join us for the St. James' Women's Retreat at Mount Calvary Monastery and Retreat House in Santa Barbara, Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, 2019. Our topic is "GETTING TO GOD: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Contemplatives" led by Melinda Worth Popham. Weekend with Meals \$300. Reserve your room today \$50. For more information, please contact SaraJane Thies <sjthies1503@gmail.com>; Holly Holyk <gaah@att.net>; or Ingrid Finley-Scott <ingridfs45@icloud.com>.

Stewardship Corner

PLEDGES TO-DATE: 119

TARGET: 200

We want everyone to know exactly where we are with our stewardship campaign. Transparency is important! Knowledge is strength and, we hope, action!

You will recall, we are aiming for \$800,000 in pledges to truly thrive and we are nearly a quarter of the way there. So far, 119 pledgers have come forward and pledged a total of \$405,885.54.

Last year, we had 177 pledgers, and this year we believe we can have 200 pledgers. We are depending on you!!

Pledge cards are in your pews.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent

We have a wreath with candles. What do the candles mean?

Traditionally, there are three blue candles and one pink. Some churches use purple, as in Lent, because it is a penitent color. Most Episcopal churches, however, use blue which symbolizes hope. A white candle is added on Christmas Day.

The first candle to be lit represents hope. It reminds us that we have a faithful God who promises to send a Savior.

Boy Scouts Troop 10 to sell First Aid Kits

As we plan our own emergency preparedness strategy, it's good to remember to add a first aid kit to your "Go Bag." Prices range from \$25 to \$120. The scouts will be in the courtyard from 10:00AM to 1:00PM today, and for the next two weeks.

Men's Group – Wednesday Night

December 5th, 7:00PM

The Men's Group will gather on Wednesday, December 5, at 7pm at Canon John Thies's home in Arcadia. Please share in the joy of the season by joining us for a couple of hours of good food, good conversation, and great fellowship. All are welcome, both familiar faces and newcomers.



Please contact Alan Heppel at alanheppel@gmail.com for directions if you would like to join us, or if you would like to be on our mailing list. Please rsvp as soon as you can so that we can plan the meal; a donation of \$10 towards the cost of dinner will be appreciated. See you there!

Blanket & Sock Donations Accepted

Help us provide care gifts of a bundled blanket & socks to our Friday Kitchen neighbors and friends. We can serve all if we collect 125 care gifts; please bring in by Friday December 21st!

Please Continue to Wear a Name Tag

As Rev. Kate continues to learn all our names, please continue to use the labels in the Narthex. It's also a great way to learn each other's names as we grow together here at St. James'.

Support Christmas Flowers and Music



Please support the Christmas Flowers and Music program this year! Your financial support fully funds the beautiful poinsettias and greenery, and the instrumental ensemble for Christmas Eve. Donation forms are included in your bulletins today.

You are welcome to dedicate your donation to loved ones; these dedications will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

CALENDAR

Sunday Advent I 2 December

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
African Christian Fellowship	St. James School Hall	12:15PM
<i>All are Welcome!</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		

Tuesday 4 December

Food Pantry Prep	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		

Thursday 6 December

Food Pantry Distribution	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		
Centering Prayer	Chapel	9:15AM

Friday 7 December

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall	3:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Evening Prayer	Chapel	5:45PM

Sunday I Advent II 9 December

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		
Lessons & Carols	Church	7:30PM

Save the Date

Annual Meeting	Parish Hall	January 27, 2019
Installation of the Rev. Dr. Kate Cress		February 2, 2019
<i>Bishop John Taylor, Officiant</i>		11:00AM

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Douglas Duncan, in loving memory of the Rev. John Colburn.

Please support the Altar Flowers ministry!
It is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones, beautify our Altar, and ensure we have flowers every week.
Please consider signing up for a Sunday. The sign-up calendar is located in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation: \$150.

Thank you for your generosity.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thank you to Steve and Heidi McLean for hosting coffee hour after the 8am service.

Also, many thanks to Leslie Emge for helping to host coffee hour after the 10:30 service last Sunday, in honor of her son Spicer's birthday.

We are eager every week to have coffee hour covered by a host. Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful way to support St. James', and we need your help. Please choose a weekend to sign up on the calendar located in the Parish Hall, and plan to bring some sweets and/or savories for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

Supporting Our Brothers and Sisters with Prayer

We ask you to hold the following friends and parishioners of Saint James' close to your heart and in your prayers: the Rev. Charles Sacquety, Helen Nelson, Eric Nelson, Shirley Perez, Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, Kisun Kim, Angelica Cob-Baehler, Margaret Pasley, Susan Walker, Russell Walker, Thomas Ahn, and Harold Ahaawe.



OUR COFFEE THIS MORNING

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