



ST. JAMES IN-THE-CITY
EPISCOPAL / ANGLICAN

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Hymn 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Celebrant ✕ Behold: The Savior of the world draws near.
People **O come, let us adore him.**

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 worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Song of Praise

NUN DANKET ALL UND BRINGET EHR



1. Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels 'round the throne;
2. Je-sus is wor-thy to re-ceive hon-or and power di-vine;
3. The whole cre-a-tion joins in one to bless the sa-cred Name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
may bles-sings more than we can give, be, Lord, for ev-er thine.
of God who sits up-on the throne, and to a-dore the Lamb.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

People may be seated.

First Lesson

MALACHI 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Second Lesson

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 in 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

People, as able, may stand.



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Gospel

LUKE 3:1-6

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

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 Iturea 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

People may be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jon Feuss

People, as able, may stand.

The Creed *(please see prayer card)*

The Prayers of the People

ADVENT

After each petition, a period of silence is observed.

Intercessor

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Savior and Redeemer.

○ Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

○ Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arms and embrace us.

○ Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations: show us how to live in peace.

○ Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel: we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

○ Morning Star, splendor of the light eternal: we pray for all who have died.

○ King of the nations, source of all good things: we thank you for all the blessings of this life.

○ Emmanuel, hope of the nations and Redeemer of the world: we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Together

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Celebrant
People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

People may be seated.

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory Anthem Thank you, God, for my family

Terry D. Taylor

Love is a thing our family needs to fill our thoughts, our words, and deeds. Love is a thing our family learns through prayer, and worship, and God's Word. I thank you, God, for my family, and for all the love they give to me.

Love is a thing our family shows when tears of joy or sadness flow. Love is a thing our family shares to help us listen, serve, and care. I thank you, God, for my family, and for all the love they give to me.

Love is patient, love is kind. Love is hopeful all the time. Love forgets when it is wronged. Love continues on and on!

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into covenant with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying:

Sanctus

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

1.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

2.
might, — hea - ven and earth are full, — full —
Bless - ed is he who comes — in the

of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
name of the Lord. —

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home. At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Together

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that, becoming the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, they may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father (please see prayer card)

Fraction Anthem

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Celebrant
Together

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

MERTON

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

The Dismissal

Celebrant
Together

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ministers in Today's Service

Lisa Yang (Lector), Mike Mullins (Intercessor)
Sarajane Thies (Sub Deacon), John Black (Crucifer)
Victoria Kindred & Ella-Lorraine Brown (Torch Bearers)

Musicians

The Children's Choir of Saint James School

Luisa Reyes
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Dr. Tom Mueller
(Associate Organist, St. James Church)

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