



ADVENT

LESSONS & CAROLS

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21st@ 11:00 a.m. | St. James' Episcopal Church

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE:

The Saint James' Episcopal Church Chancel Choir

Kyla Rosenberger, *Chief Organist*

Logan Henke, *Minister of Music*

Minnie Sales, *Freshman Acolyte*

Ty Sherwood, *Senior Acolyte*

Vicki Van Rensslear, *Usher*

Ray Ross, *Videographer*

Sharon Eversman and Julie Videon, *Altar Guild*

The Rev. D Gregory Smith, *Priest Associate*

*Today's service is dedicated in gratitude to
Ray & Amy Ross
in honor of their many years of faithful service to
God & His people
at St. James'.*

COMMENTS ON THE SERVICE

- *Logan Henke, Bozeman, 2025*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The people's responses are in bold.

The people enter in prayerful silence and sit.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

The people stand as they are able at the procession.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION • 102

Once in royal David's city

Sung by all.

Irby

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

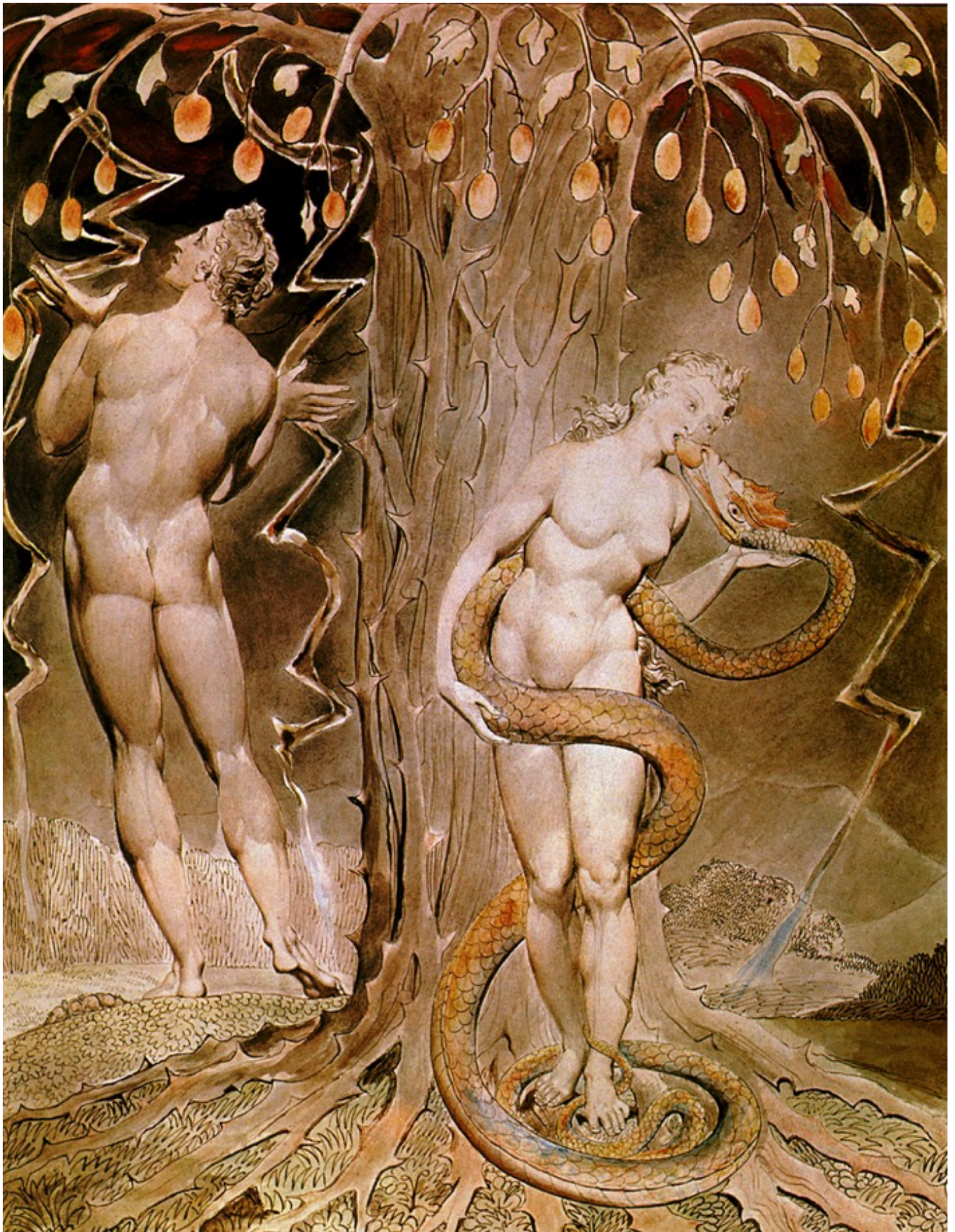
And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**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.**

Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

People **Amen.**

The people sit.



Lesson I artwork: *The Temptation and Fall of Eve* (1808) | William Blake (1757-1827)

THE FIRST LESSON • GENESIS 3:1-22

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel.”

To the woman he said,

“I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
 and he shall rule over you.”

And to the man he said,
 “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
 and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
 in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.”

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, “See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.”

CAROL

O mortal man (Sussex Mummers' Carol)

Sung by the choir.

arr. Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

O mortal man, remember well
When Christ our Lord was born.
He was crucified between two thieves,
And crownèd with the thorn.

God bless the master of this house,
With happiness beside;
Where e'er his body rides or walks,
Lord Jesus be his guide.

Alleluia.

– Trad. English



Lesson II artwork: *The Good Shepherd* (280-290) | Anatolia, late Roman-early Christian

THE SECOND LESSON • ISAIAH 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her
that she has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
 double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
 and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 and all people shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
A voice says, "Cry out!"
 And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
 when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
 surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
 but the word of our God will stand forever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
 lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
 "Here is your God!"
See, the Lord God comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

CAROL

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive...O thou that tellest” from *Messiah* *Sung by the choir.* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Lauren Kelly, *mezzo-soprano*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us.

– Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!

– Isaiah 40:9

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

– Isaiah 60:1



Lesson III artwork: *Red Hills with Flowers* (1937) | Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986)

THE THIRD LESSON • ISAIAH 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CAROL

Drop down, ye heavens

Sung by the choir.

Anna Lapwood (b.1995)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people;
my salvation shall not tarry.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions.

Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel,
thy Redeemer.

— after Isaiah 45



Lesson IV artwork: *American Village* (1912) | Edward Hopper (1882-1967)

THE FOURTH LESSON • MICHAH 5:2-4

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
 in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth.

The people stand as they are able at the introduction of the hymn.

CAROL • 78

O little town of Bethlehem

Sung by all.

St. Louis



Lesson V artwork: *Christ with the Seven Gifts of the Spirit*, detail from “Tree of Jesse” (c.1150), Chartres Cathedral

THE FIFTH LESSON • ISAIAH 11:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide by what his ears hear;
 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
 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 around his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
 The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion and the fatling 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 asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
 They will not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain;
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
 as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Sung by the choir.

Michael Praetorius (c.1571-1621)
 arr. Jan Sandström (b.1954)

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
 aus einer Wurzel zart,
 als uns die Alten sangen:
 von Jesse kam die Art.*

There is a Rose springing
 from a delicate stem,
 as those of old have sung:
 from Jesse comes his line.

*Und hat ein Blümlein bracht
 mitten im kalten Winter
 wohl zu der halben Nacht.*

And a floweret has broken through
 amid the cold Winter
 in the midst of night.

– 15 c. German, after Isaiah 11

– trans. Logan Henke



Lesson VI artwork: *St. John the Baptist Baptizing the Multitude* (1555) | Pelegrino Tibaldi (1527-1596)

THE SIXTH LESSON • ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel!
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter Jerusalem!
 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
 he has turned away your enemies.
 The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
 you shall fear disaster no more.
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
 Do not fear, O Zion;
 do not let your hands grow weak.
 The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
 a warrior who gives victory;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

The people stand as they are able at the introduction of the hymn.

CAROL • 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Sung by all.

Bereden väg för Herran



Lesson VII artwork: *Antibes Seen from La Salis* (1888) | Claude Monet (1840-1926)

THE SEVENTH LESSON • ISAIAH 65:17-25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The people stand as they are able at the introduction of the hymn.

CAROL • 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

Sung by all.

Land of Rest

HOMILY

The Rev. D Gregory Smith



Lesson VIII artwork: *The Annunciation* (1898) | Henry Tanner (1859-1937)

THE EIGHTH LESSON • LUKE 1:26-56

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

CAROL

Alma redemptoris Mater II

Sung by three.

Guillaume Du Fay (1397-1474)

Lauren Kelly, *alto*
Henry Koch, *tenor*
Logan Henke, *bass-baritone*

*Alma redemptoris mater,
quæ pèrvia cæli porta manes,
et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat pópulo.*

*Tu quæ genuísti, natúra miránte,
tuum sanctum genitórem:
Virgo prius ac postérius,
Gabriélis ab ore
sumens illud Ave,
peccatórum miserere.*

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
who remains the Gate of Heaven,
and Star of the Sea, aid the fallen,
a people who seek to rise up.

You are the one who bears – to nature's marvel –
your own creator.
Virgin both at the beginning and end,
you received "Hail" from the mouth of Gabriel.
Have mercy on we who sin.

– attrib. Hermann of Reichenau (1013-1054)

– trans. Logan Henke



Lesson VIII artwork: *The Nativity* (n.d.) | Giuseppe Passeri (1654-1714)

THE NINTH LESSON • JOHN 1:14

St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the music ministry of St. James' Episcopal Church. All are invited to make a gift.

There is no rose

Sung by the choir.

Lucy Walker (b. 1998)

Emma Ford, *soprano*

There is no rose of such virtue
as is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda. (A wondrous thing.

By that rose we may well see
that He is God in persons three,
Pari forma. (Of equal form.)

Now leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus. (Let us pass.)

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE ADVENT BLESSING

Officiant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People **Amen.**

Officiant May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People **Amen.**

Officiant May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People **Amen.**

Officiant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING • 83

O come, all ye faithful, v.1-3

Sung by all.

Adeste Fideles

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Good King Wenceslas”

arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

The service ends and the people depart.

*There is heard a hymn when the panes are dim,
And never before or again,
When the nights are strong with a darkness long,
And the dark is alive with rain.*

*Never we know but in sleet and in snow,
The place where the great fires are,
That the midst of the earth is a raging mirth
And the heart of the earth a star.*

*And at night we win to the ancient inn
Where the child in the frost is furled,
We follow the feet where all souls meet
At the inn at the end of the world.*

*The gods lie dead where the leaves lie red,
For the flame of the sun is flown,
The gods lie cold where the leaves lie gold,
And a Child comes forth alone.*

– G.K. Chesterton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent IV (December 21st, 2025)

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JAMES

Dear Beloved Community of St. James,

Thank you to all the speakers who have offered to share their heartfelt stories during stewardship Sundays, reminding us why we each call St. James our spiritual home. We deeply appreciate every gift of time and treasure that allows our church to thrive.

As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to help us plan the year's ministry effectively. Pledges are vital part of this process; they allow our Vestry to budget accurately for every aspect of our shared life: salaries for our dedicated clergy and staff, essential building maintenance (from snow plowing to utilities), vibrant music and Sunday school programs, vital community outreach, and our support for the wider Diocese.

Our Vestry continues to be diligent stewards of your generosity monitoring revenue and expenses closely. They have also looked at other ways of stretching our dollars. For instance, recent efforts to leverage the Todd Center through a new lease with Bozeman Creative Learning Center and renting our Parish Hall to the Root Physical Therapy Group have aided in shrinking the operating gaps, ensuring that more of your contributions go directly to achieving our mission both within our walls and in the greater Bozeman community.

Our goal for 2026 is 100% participation from every member and friend of St. James.

No gift is too small. Please prayerfully renew your commitment (and consider an increase, if you are able) to sustain our shared future. You can return your pledge card by mailing it to the church directly with attention to: The Treasurer, adding it to the offertory plate, or by making your secure pledge online at <https://www.stjamesbozeman.org>.

In gratitude, The Stewardship Committee

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – 1 SERVICE ONLY

We will only have **one service at 9:30** on the 1st Sunday after Christmas, December 28th. Coffee Hour will be hosted afterwards at 10:30.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

We are celebrating Christmas soon! Here is the schedule of various Christmas services:

December 24th (Christmas Eve):

3:00pm: Jesus' Birth Story; A Service for Young Children (ages 0-4yo)

4:30pm: Christmas Eve Service (All Ages)

9:00pm: Christmas Eve Service (All Ages)

December 25th (Christmas Day):

10:00am: Christmas Day Service (Carols & Prayer)

December 28th (1st Sunday after Christmas):

9:30am: Ingathering

HIRING FOR BUILDING AND GROUNDS WORKER

St. James seeks a part-time, dedicated and professional Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker to coordinate the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of all church buildings, grounds, and physical properties. This is an essential role that ensures a safe, neat, and well-maintained environment for our parishioners and community. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jessica Wilson at jjtwilson95@gmail.com.

AMY AND RAY ROSS

Congratulations to Ray and Amy Ross for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary! We are so blessed to have had Amy and Ray be members of our church and would like to wish them well on all future endeavors.

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the Narthex were donated in memory of our beloved mother Norma Saxman, from her children
- Judy Jones

CRAFT FAIR UPDATE

Thank you St. James! The St. Nicholas Craft Fair was again a success thanks to all the generous donors and everyone who came and purchased items. The fair raised more than \$3500 for Outreach. Marty Sanders' beautiful quilt was won by a person outside the parish who was thrilled to win. Many thanks from the Community & World Concerns Committee!

VOLUNTEER IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Juliana is looking for some assistance with answering the phones and passing out Gas & Food cards to those in need. This role would entail responding to questions over the phone, answering voicemails, taking necessary messages to pass onto Juliana, and giving out Gas & Food cards on Sundays (10-2) and Thursdays (1-3). If you have some additional time in your schedule to assist, please reach out to Juliana at office@stjamesbozeman.org.

ANNUAL MEETING 2026

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on January 25th, 2026. If you are a Ministry head, please submit your annual report information to Juliana by January 14th at EOD. Our vestry rotation is occurring during the Annual Meeting. If you would like to serve as a Vestry Member, please submit a letter or email of interest to Jessica Wilson at jjtwilson95@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ROLE

The St. James Memorial Foundation oversees the investments of St. James at DADavidson; income from the investments is used for capital expenses of the church as requested by the Vestry. There is one opening for a board member interested in financial activities of St. James. The term is for 3 years. The board meets 4 times per year to review quarterly information, and occasionally again as needed. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Eversman, 406-586-6788 or steversman61@gmail.com. Election for the new board member will be during the Annual Meeting in January.

ADULT FORMATION THROUGH THE END OF 2025

Adult Formation (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEN'S BIBLE STUDY) will be going on hiatus until the end of the year. We will send out an announcement when we plan to return to our usual schedule.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Tues	Dec 23	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (IHOP)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Parish Hall)
Wed	Dec 24		Christmas Eve (Office Closed)
		3:00 p.m.	Jesus' Birth Story; a Service for Young Children
		4:30 p.m.	Family Service
		9:00 p.m.	Adult Candlelight
Thurs	Dec 25		Christmas Day (Office Closed)
		10:00 a.m.	Carols and Prayer
Sun	Dec 28		First Sunday After Christmas (ONLY 1 SERVICE)
		9:30 a.m.	Service & Ingathering
		10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Todd Center)

A LOOK AHEAD

Thurs	Jan 14 th	ALL DAY	Annual Reports due to Juliana by EOD
Sun	Jan 25 th	TIME TBD	Annual Meeting

CLERGY, STAFF, & VESTRY

Rector: The Rev. Rowan J. Larson
Priest Associates: The Rev. Valerie Webster,
The Rev. D Gregory Smith
Deacon: The Rev. Lynne Matthews
Music Leadership: Logan Henke, Minister of Music;
Kyla Rosenberger, Chief Organist
Choral Scholars: Karl Benjamin, Cordelia Cluett,
Chase Equall, Emma Ford, Tyler Flock,
Isabella Mudd, Gayatri Sabne
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(302)353-9578, jjtwilson95@gmail.com;
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Bergstedt, Judi Farrington, Darin Heitt-Rennie, Matt
Kelly, Leslie Piercy

THOSE IN SERVICE

Acolyte: Stacy Quinn; Freshman Acolyte
Readers: Alison Counts, Lucy Peterson
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Blake
Ushers: Vicki Van Rensselaer
Counters: Darin Heitt-Rennie, Rick
Bergstedt
Altar Guild: Sharon Eversman, Julie Videon