
Welcome to Saint James this weekend.

We welcome you to our live-streamed service.

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering, Elva & Oscar Shelley, and
Virginia & Jules Weatherlow.

Prelude

Bourée

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Arr. by Phillip Keveren

Hymn 383, vss. 1 & 2

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou God of man the Son;
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Silence may be kept.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:4-11

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Homily

Prayers of the People

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Anthem

O Brother Man

Saint James Virtual Choir

Music by Alfred Scott-Gatty (1902)

Poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier (1848)

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother;
where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
of Him whose holy work was doing good;
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
and loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall, the stormy clangor
of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds, giving thanks to God for creation before inviting the people to say:

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues until:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues until:

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction & Invitation

A time of silence is kept.

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and lives among us,
People and we have seen His glory.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, *(and remembering particularly Saint James and those worshipping there)* I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Agnus Dei

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 receives communion in both bread and wine on behalf of the whole congregation, online and in person. Those at home may make their “agapé communion” with bread and wine.

The Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament, you give substance to our hope. Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Gott, du frommer Gott (Partita III)
(O God, Thou Righteous God)

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