



ST. JAMES

Episcopal
CHURCH

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**First Sunday
after
Christmas
December 28th, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

Wherever you are on your journey with God or towards God,
you are welcome here!



PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

arr. Michael Scott

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“As with gladness men of old” (DIX)

H82 119

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living one.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: **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.**

The Mass setting is from the Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

KYRIE

Rite II

Spoken

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Spoken

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 the God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

Chanted by a cantor

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

"When Jesus left his Father's throne" (KINGSFOLD)

H82 480

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. D Gregory Smith

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or in spirit

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Hear Our Prayer

God of Joy, basking in the love shown to us through the Incarnation of Christ, we lift our hearts to you in devotion and gratitude as we say, **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Fill your church with rejoicing at Christ's presence and make it a place of welcome to all people. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Let the leaders of our nation be guided by your wisdom, let us and those we name as enemies be reconciled, and may your peace be known across the world. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Let our worship today strengthen our faith and give us the will and desire to carry out the gospel mission entrusted to us. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Imbue our souls with awe and wonder in contemplation of your Creation and show us how to be effective stewards of its beauty and abundance. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Mend what is broken, fill what is emptied, and make whole what has been diminished in our lives and in the lives of our neighbors. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Enfold the dead and dying into your loving embrace, grant them the promise of eternal life made manifest through Jesus, and allow us entry into your new age at the end of our mortal journey. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Your Christ entered the world from an unexpected place. Expand our perspective that we might discern the presence of Christ in the unexpected people and places of our own lives and that we may more perfectly reflect your glory. All this we ask through Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INGATHERING

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

“O Holy Night”

arr. Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

O holy night,
the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world
in sin and error pining,
till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope
the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks
a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees.
O hear the angel voices!
O night divine,
O night when Christ was born!
O night divine!
O night divine!
O night divine!

- words by John S. Dwight, music by Adolphe Adam

DOXOLOGY

Sung by all to the tune of OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers

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Please stand as the doxology begins and the monetary offering is brought forward

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(Eucharistic Prayer A, *Book of Common Prayer*)

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

SANCTUS

Spoken

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All:

Traditional

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.

Contemporary

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

8:30 *Spoken*

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).

Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.

If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

“O sisters, too” (COVERTRY CAROL)

H82 247

“What child is this, who, laid to rest” (GREENSLEEVES)

H82 115

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: **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

Celebrant God’s Blessing be with you, Christ’s peace be with you, and the Spirit’s outpouring of love be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“What star is this, with beams so bright” (PUER NOBIS)

H82 124

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People : **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“The First Noel”

arr. David Huntsinger



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?

Welcome! If you're new to St. James, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card so we can get to know you a little better. Welcome Cards are located in the racks at the end of each pew and in our newly updated welcome folders! Please feel free to take a folder with more information about St. James and our ministries as well as some other goodies. Welcome Cards can be returned to an Usher, member of the Clergy, or put in the offering plate.

COFFEE HOUR

With our new service schedule, Coffee Hour will be between our two services and run from approximately 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sundays at 9:45 am

Children from PreK-5th are welcome to join us for Sunday School each week in the lower level of the Todd Center, located next door at 111 S. Tracy. If your child is a little older or a little younger, check in with our Sunday School teachers first.

HEALING PRAYERS EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday during communion, prayers are available by the sacristy door.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a St. James prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack at the front doors of the church.

PASTORAL CARE LINE– PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

Please direct calls to our Pastoral Care Line at **(406) 586-9451** to be connected with the clergy person on call. Pastoral care includes hospital and home visits, eucharistic visitors, meal trains, and more.

PARKING

Sunday morning parking is available in the Canterbury Lot at 8 W. Olive from 8am – 1pm for free. Please reach out to office@stjamesbozeman.org for validation during the week and to be added to our system.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent III (December 14th, 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

SWITCHING TO ONE READER

Starting in January, we will be switching to one reader for all services.

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.

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!

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 30	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (IHOP)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Parish Hall)
Wed	Dec 31	All Day	New Years Eve (Office Closed)
Thurs	Jan 1	All Day	New Years Day (Office Closed)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Guild Room)
Sun	Jan 4		Second Sunday after Christmas
		8:30 a.m.	Early Service
		9:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Todd Center)
		10:00 a.m.	NO ADULT FORMATION
		11:00 a.m.	Late Service

A LOOK AHEAD

Sun	Jan 11	10:00 a.m.	Vestry Budget Meeting
Thurs	Jan 14	ALL DAY	Annual Reports due to Juliana by EOD
Sun	Jan 25	TIME TBD	Annual Meeting

CLERGY, STAFF, & VESTRY

Rector: The Rev. Rowan J. Larson
Priest Associates: The Rev. Valerie Webster,
The Rev. D Gregory Smith
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Kelly, Leslie Piercy

THOSE IN SERVICE

Acolyte: Ty Sherwood; Senior Acolyte
Minnie Johnson; Freshman Acolyte
Readers: Alison Counts, Michael Fox
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Naumann
Ushers: Ron Hoseth, Lucy Peterson, Vicki
Van Rensselaer
Coffee Hour: Judi Farrington
Videographer: Keith Nathan
Altar Guild: Dale Bray, Helen Remely
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