



**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28; Iona Community Liturgy #3
November 16, 2025, 10:00 AM
Join the Path Forward**

Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1750 – Today

We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.



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HOLY EUCHARIST: Iona Community Liturgy #3

WORD OF GOD

Prelude The King of Love my Shepherd is arr. Dan Forrest

Michael Mulder

Please stand.

Opening Hymn Not here for high and holy things

Hymnal # 9

Opening Responses

Celebrant: Your love is as high as the heavens, O God;

**People: your righteousness reaches the towering peaks;
 your justice the depths of the sea.**

Celebrant: We shelter beneath your wings;
 we feast on the food you provide.

**People: We open our eyes to drink in your goodness;
 for you are the source of all life,
 and because of your light we see light.**

Celebrant: Come with hope or hesitation;

People: come with joy or yearning;

Celebrant: all who hunger, all who thirst

People: for life in all its fullness.

Celebrant: Generous God and generous Savior,

People: touch us through your Spirit.

Call to Prayer

Celebrant: We gather in God's name.

People: We claim Christ's promised presence.

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Please sit, kneel or stand in silence.

Prayer of Confession and Restoration

Celebrant:

Eternal God, maker of the skies above; lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth; Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters; in earth, sea and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

All:

**O God, you are always true to us in love
and we are left wanting to say sorry
for our faithlessness to you and to one another,
for our forgetting of the poor and the broken,
for our failure to cherish creation.**

**Give us life, O God, to change
and enable us to change, that we may live.**

Celebrant: Holy God,

People: Holy and mighty,
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: *Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.*

Please stand.

All:
Lead us now, O God,
to acknowledge your costly generosity
by living as forgiven people,
until heaven and earth rejoice
and the whole earth cries, "*Glory!*"
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

LEVAS #243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive_ our_ prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord,
Unison
 7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we
Women
 Praise your Ho - ly name.
Men
 Praise your Ho - ly name.

Salutation and Collects of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading

Lector: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading from the Book of Isaiah [65:17-25].

People: Our hearts and minds are open.

Lector: 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.

Lector: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

BCP 86

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Lay Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [3:6-13].

People: Our hearts and minds are open.

Lay Reader: Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should

not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lay Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Hymnal # 482

Gospel Reading

Celebrant: Let us greet the Gospel of Christ by listening to Luke [21:5-19].

People: Glory to Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to Christ our Lord.

Please sit.

Sermon

Rev. Judy Ferguson

Please stand.

An Affirmation of Faith: The Magnificat

Celebrant: Let us celebrate and affirm our faith in the words of Mary's song:

Celebrant: My heart praises you, O God,

People: my spirit rejoices in you, my savior.

Celebrant: You have remembered my lowliness,

People: and now I will be called blessed.

Celebrant: You have done great things for me

People: and shown mercy to all those who trust in you.

Celebrant: You have stretched out your right arm

People: and scattered the proud with all their plans.

Celebrant: You have brought down the mighty from their thrones

People: and lifted up the lowly.

Celebrant: You have filled the hungry with good things

People: and sent the rich away with empty hands.

Celebrant: You have kept your promise to our mothers and fathers,

**People: and come to the help of your people,
to Abraham and Sarah,
and to all generations for ever. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant: Let us offer our own intercessions, both spoken and unspoken,

[Please offer your prayers or thanksgivings]

Prayers of the People Form III

BCP 387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishops: Matthew and Allen; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Spirit of truth and judgment, who alone can cast out

the powers that grip our world at the point of crisis,

give us your discernment, that we may accurately name what is evil,

and know the way that leads to peace, through Jesus Christ.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; O God of all creation who has come to us in Jesus, lead us in your way of love and fill us with your Spirit.

People: That our works may find favor in your sight. Choose us:

to bring good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress; Choose us:

to bring sight to the blind

to set free the oppressed.

Reader: So shall your new creation come

People: and your will be done.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, especially Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop (1200); Hilda of Whitby, Abbess (680); Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess (1231); Edmund,

King (870); Mechthilde of Hackeborn and Gertrude the Great, *Mystics and Theologians* (1298, 1302); and Clive Staples Lewis, *Apologist and Spiritual Writer* (1963).

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Bennett, Jean H., Sheryl and family, Ginny and Maar family, Wendy G., Dylan and Ann Marie, Jeffrey, Marian H., Michelle B., Maureen, Rob K., Liv C., Rich W., Alan G., Anne H., Nina T., Carmine S., Mary H., Charlie, Janet, Peg T., Dottie, Kate, Annie, Mackenzie, Bill, Jennifer C., Charlotte H., Carolyn, Family and friends of Joan Morgan, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ketty, Ben, and Ali;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the **resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

Reader: Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your healing presence and mercy.

People: Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future.

Reader: When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice system.

People: Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous.

Reader: And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their situation. All this we ask for your mercy's sake.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (from the Maori)

Celebrant: And because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray, in the words you have taught us:

All:

Eternal spirit,

**Earth Maker, pain-bearer, life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,**

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God in whom in heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created things!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth!**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. AMEN.

Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant: Let us greet one another

People: with the sign of peace.

Celebrant: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please sit.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

People: It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

Celebrant: It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.

**People: It is the table of communion with earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.**

Celebrant: So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Offertory Hymn

Take my life and let it be by David H. Williams

The St. James Choir

Please stand.

Story of the Last Supper

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, *This is my body, given to you.*

In the same way, Jesus took wine, and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, *This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed by my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.*

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God,
through your goodness
we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given
and human hands have made.
May we know your presence
in the sharing of this bread,
so that we may know your touch**

in all bread, all matter.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ
and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,

People: We lift them high to God.

Celebrant: For in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Let us give thanks to God,

People: It is right to give God both thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

**People: through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who on the first day of the week
overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened for us the way of everlasting life.**

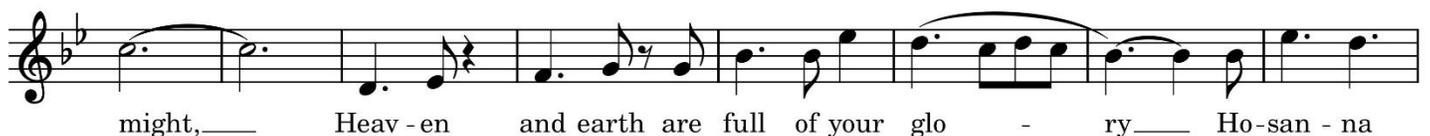
Celebrant: Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you.

**People: With the angels of light who envelop us,
with Michael and the host of heaven,
with all the saints before and beside us,
with Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret,
with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.**

Celebrant: And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy*

LEVAS II # 254





Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Hear us, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and wine.

**People: May they become for us your body,
vibrant with your life,
healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Celebrant: And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink
are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,

**People: bone of your bone,
flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world.**

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

People: Have mercy on us.

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People: Have mercy on us.

Breaking and Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Celebrant: Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

People: Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.

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

Communion Music

O Christ, the Word Incarnate Hymnal #632

The St. James Choir

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Many grains were gathered together to make the bread.

People: Many grapes were mixed to make the wine.

Celebrant: So we who are many,

People: and come from many places,

All: are one in Christ.

Celebrant: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**All: "Apprehend God in all things,
for God is in all things.
Every single creature is full of God**

and is a book about God.”

(Meister Eckhart)

Teach us to know our interconnectedness with all things.

Teach us to grow with each other and with all living creatures through love.

AMEN.

Closing Responses

Celebrant: Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

People: To humble the powerful and to lift up the lowly.

Celebrant: Christ has come to turn the tables:

People: To topple vain idols and to stand with the poor.

Celebrant: Christ has come to proclaim God's kingdom:

Men: To feed the hungry,

Women: To give sight to the blind,

Men: To strengthen the weary,

Women: To set the prisoners free.

Celebrant: Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

People: To overthrow the present order with a revolution of love.

Blessing

Celebrant: May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Come, we that love the Lord

Hymnal # 392

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: It is Christ who goes before us. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

I will arise and go to Jesus arr. Penny Rodriguez

Michael Mulder



Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Zhane, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W., Rachel D., Matilda, Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Mazza family, Robert, Celia, Felix, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu



Upcoming Services & Events

- November 23:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
November 30: Advent 1; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
December 7: Advent 2; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am;
Stewardship/Pledge card Sunday and Celebratory Lunch
December 14: Advent 3; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
December 20: **Annual Christmas Concert** at 4 pm in the church
December 21: Advent 4; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
December 24: Christmas Eve; Holy Eucharist service at 4 pm
December 28: Christmas 1: Morning Prayer II service at 10 am



Tell Out **My Soul**

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many **THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD.**

ST. JAMES STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
December 7 ❖ 10 am Service ❖ Luncheon to follow

To make a pledge online go to <https://stjamesns.com/make-a-pledge-to-st-james/>

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, December 20th at 4 pm
in the Village Hall**

