



**St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg, FL**

## **Order of Worship**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 11, 2026 Rite II**

**Prelude:** “Spirit Song/ Spirit of the Living God” (Wimber/ Iverson) “Pastorale” (Zipoli)

### ***Processional Hymn #119***

### **As With Gladness Men of Old**

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed; there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare; so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus! every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright, need they no created

light; thou its light, its joy, its  
crown, thou its sun which goes  
not down; there for ever may we  
sing alleluias to our King.

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People*            And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. *Amen!*

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*

### ***Gloria S280***

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 God the Father Amen.

*The Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

### **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.*

### **First Lesson ~ Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my  
chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 29**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**St. James Choir “God’s Promises” (arr. Schmidt)**

**The Epistle ~ Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

***Gospel Hymn #120    The Sinless One to Jordan Came (vv. 1-3 before; vv.4-6 after)***

1. The sinless one to Jordan came,  
And in the river shared our stain; God's  
righteousness he thus fulfilled, And  
chose the path his Father willed.
2. Uprising from the waters there,  
The Father's voice did then declare  
That Christ, the Son of God, had come To  
lead his scattered people home.
3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed Upon  
the Son's anointed head.
4. How blest the mission then begun  
To heal and save a race undone!  
Straight to the wilderness he goes To  
wrestle with his people's foes.
5. O Christ, may we baptized from sin, Go forth with you a world to win: Gant us the Holy  
Spirit's power To shield us in temptation's hour.
6. On you may all your people feed,  
And know you are the Bread indeed,  
Who gives eternal life to those  
That with you died, and with you rose.

**Gospel ~ Matthew 3:13-17**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

**The Sermon**      *The Rev'd Thomas H. Trees*

**Nicene Creed (BCP 358)**

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became  
incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was  
made man.

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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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      Rite II, Form V (BCP 389)**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For **Sean** our Presiding Bishop, for **Justin** our own Bishop, **Tom** our Rector, **Art** and **Sebastiana** our Deacons and, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially **Donald** our President, and **Ron** our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community, especially **Allen** our Mayor; we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially **Brit Burdick, Kurt Cessna, Charlie Davidson, Janet Davis, Kathy Geyer, Ava Grace Golder, Jon Goodman, Margaret Saxton, Paul & Charlie Smigel, Karen Sofield, Dot Vedder & Tammy von Lehm** for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Your own intercessions are invited at this time, either aloud or in the privacy of your hearts...

For both the newly born, and for those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week, especially **Steve Boney (11<sup>th</sup>), Iris Robuck (11<sup>th</sup>), Noah Lahey (12<sup>th</sup>), Bob Geyer (13<sup>th</sup>), Alfred Howard (13<sup>th</sup>), Linda Tucker (14<sup>th</sup>), Mary Hooper (15th), Cele Oldham (15<sup>th</sup>)** and **Elijah Trees (15<sup>th</sup>)** and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage this week, especially, **Ray & Ann Ozanne (12<sup>th</sup>), David & Denise Lawrence (13<sup>th</sup>)** and **Mike & Linda Springer (15<sup>th</sup>)** we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant Concludes with this Prayer:* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and people*

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

*The Priest, stands and says*

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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **Offertory: Cantate Children's Choir “Send Us Forth” (Keesecker)**

### **Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below; praise  
him above ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B**

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 him thanks and praise  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where  
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and  
earth.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord   Sanctus (S-130)***

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God  
of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love  
which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of  
Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the  
prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your  
Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from  
the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy  
to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error  
into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Alleluia.** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 peace. (*Mass of Creation*)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**Communion Hymn #448      *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High***

1      O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2      For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

3      For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought: by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

4      For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

5 For us he rose from death  
again; for us he went on high to  
reign; for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 All glory to our Lord and  
God for love so deep, so high, so  
broad; the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant says the Blessing:*

Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, now and always. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn # 135      *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem Anthems  
be to thee addressed, God in man  
made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding-guest,  
In thy God-head manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;

Anthems be to thee addressed, God  
in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God  
in man made manifest.

4. Manifest on mountain height,  
Shining in re-splendent light,  
Where disciples filed with awe Thy  
transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou led-dest them  
Steadfast to Jerusalem, Cross  
and Easter Day attest God in  
manmade manifest.

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the  
Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude: “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” (JC Bach)**

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