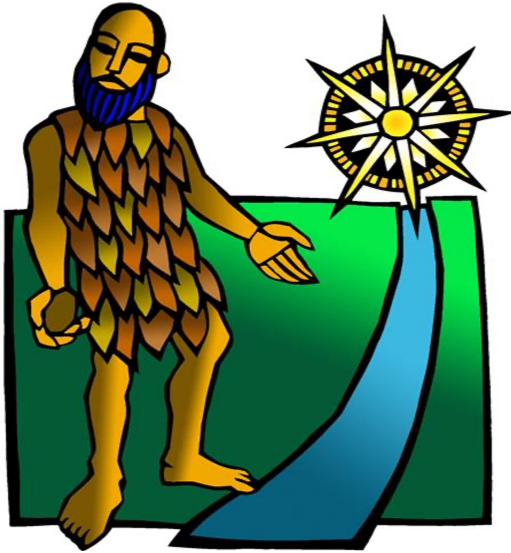


St. James Worship Service



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

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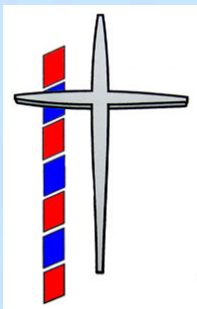
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Today's Music

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240	<i>Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, v3</i>
264	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>
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715

Christ, Be Our Light

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold,
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.**

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

240

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

**3. Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.**

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

264

Prepare the Royal Highway

**1. Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!**

**Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!**

**2. God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!**

Palm branches strew before him!

Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you!

No more shall doubt assail you!

Hosanna to the Lord,

for he fulfills God's word!

**3. Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.**

**All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!**

**4. His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.**

**So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!**

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847

248

People, Look East

- 1. People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

**3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

Text: Eleanor E. Farjeon, 1881-1965

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

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