

**ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH**  
**HYMNS For DECEMBER 15, 2024**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 40**

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long:  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.
2. He comes, the prisoners to release  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.
3. He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to bless the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with thy beloved name.

## **HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 42**

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake, and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

## **HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 41**

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh', it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,

shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;
4. that when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

### **HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 593**

1. I am not worthy, Holy Lord,  
that thou shouldst come to me;  
speak but the word, one gracious word  
can set the sinner free.
2. I am not worthy; cold and bare  
the lodging of my soul;  
how canst thou deign to enter there?  
Lord, speak, and make me whole.
3. I am not worthy; yet, my God,  
how can I say thee nay;  
thee, who didst give thy flesh and blood  
my ransom-price to pay?
4. O come! in this sweet morning hour  
feed me with food divine;  
and fill with all thy love and power

this worthless heart of mine.

### **HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 652**

1. Jesus bids us shine with a clear pure light,  
like a little candle burning in the night;  
in this world of darkness we must shine -  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it, if our light is dim;  
he looks down from heaven, to see us shine -  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine then; for all around  
many kinds of darkness in this world abound:  
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine -  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

### **HYMN FOR THE RECEPTION: 46**

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what  
rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.