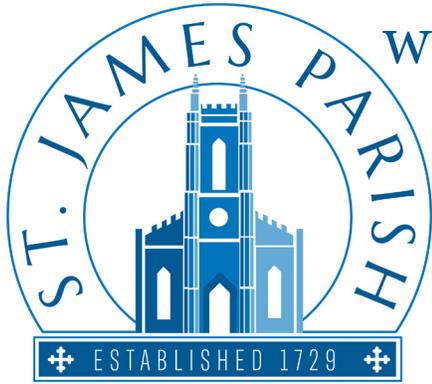


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS WITH CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS



SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 100: "Joy to the world!"

Antioch

The Word of God

Welcome and Bidding

Celebrant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy: a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.

People **Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.**

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:1—15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound

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of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Good people all, this Christmas time"

Irish carol, *arr. John Sullivan*

Bob Workmon, tenor

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray to God, with love this Christmas day:
In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare to go", the angels said "to Bethlehem; be not afraid,
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely Babe, sweet Jesus born"

With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the Babe to find
And, as God's angel's had foretold, they did our Savior, Christ, behold.
Within a manger he was laid, and by his side the Virgin Maid
As long foretold upon that morn, here was a blessed Messiah born.

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 7:10—15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 87: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

Hark, the herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark, the herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: hail th' incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark, the herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Ris'n with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail the Sun of Righteousness! hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark, the herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King.

The Third Lesson: Luke 1:26—58

The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo: "*The Virgin's Slumber Song*"

Max Reger

Sara Westermarck, soprano

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus-child,
While amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild,
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough:
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now.

Happy is thy laughter, holy is thy silent rest,
Lay thy head in slumber, fondly on thy mother's breast
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now.

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1—20

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find

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a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo: "O men from the fields"

Arnold Cooke

Bob Workmon, tenor

O men from the fields,
Come gently within,
Tread softly, softly,
O men, coming in...

From reek of the smoke
And cold of the floor
And peering of things
Across the half-door.

Mavourneen* is going [**my darling*]
From me and from you
Where Mary will fold him
With mantle of blue,

O men from the fields,
Softly, softly come through;
Mary puts round him
Her mantle of blue.

Padraic Colum

The Fifth Lesson: 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: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 83: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

(Gluten-free wafers available at main altar rail, please request)

Offertory Anthem:

English carol, *arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams*

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before Your grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen."

Presentation Hymn: *(stanza 3 of Hymn 380)*

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*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.*

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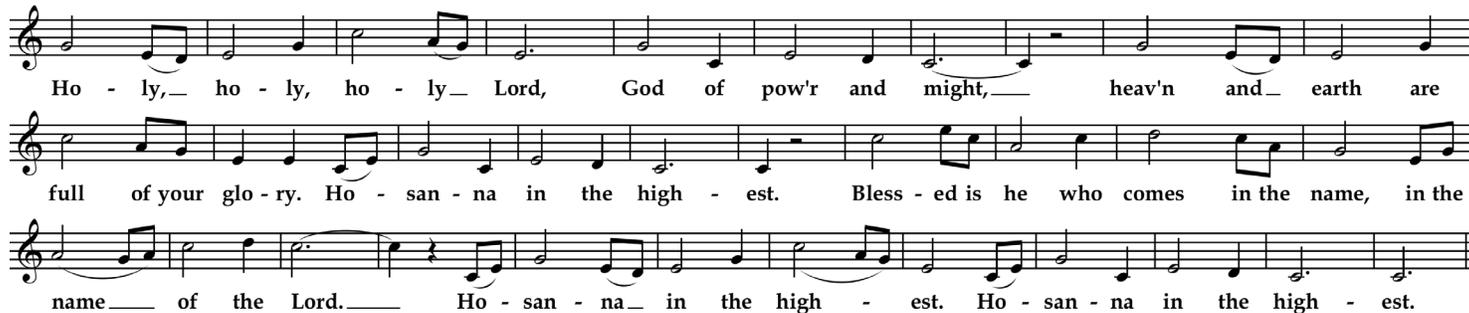
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:

Resignation



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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,

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (S152):

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

Solo: "Gesù Bambino" (*Sara Westermarck, soprano*)

Pietro Yon

Hymn 78: "O little town of Bethlehem" (*stanzas 1—2, 5*)

Forest Green



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ was born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;
A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.
yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell:
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Hymn 101: *“Away in a manger, no crib for his bed”*

Cradle Song

The Postcommunion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Hymn 107: *“Good Christian friends, rejoice”*

In dulci jubilo

The Dismissal

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude



THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DEC. 27-31

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

SJDS CHRISTMAS BREAK
SJDS Closed through January 4, 2022

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

SJP CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Christmas Observed
FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

SJP CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Christmas Holiday Observed
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom
MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Great Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

CANCELLED: SJ Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE
SJP Church Office Closes at 12:00 PM
NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY
NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9:00 AM | St. James Website or Facebook

FAITH FORMATION
10:00 AM | St. James Parish

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish

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