

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



*St. James' Episcopal Church
Skaneateles, New York*

*December 24, 2023
Half Past Nine O'clock in the Evening*

For the benefit of those who wish to pray, we ask that you please enter the Sanctuary quietly.

Everything you need to follow the liturgy can be found in your bulletin.

Feel free to fill out a pew card if are a newcomer and would like to get to know us better. We are so glad you are here!

Festive Prelude at 9:00

In dulci jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing) German carol, arr. Dallas Blair (b. 1939)

Hymn 107 (all stand and sing) *In dulci jubilo*

All My Heart this Night Rejoices Johann Georg Ebling (1637-1676)

Pastorale (from *Concerto fatto la notte de Natale* “Christmas Concerto”, Op. 6, No. 8)
Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

I Wonder as I Wander John Jacob Niles (1892-1980), arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Hymn 105 (all stand and sing) *God Rest Ye Merry*

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High French Carol, arr. Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Hymn 81 (all stand and sing) *Es ist ein Ros*

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, Op. 122, no. 8 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The Holy Eucharist at 9:30

Welcome

All stand, as able.

Opening Hymn 83

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

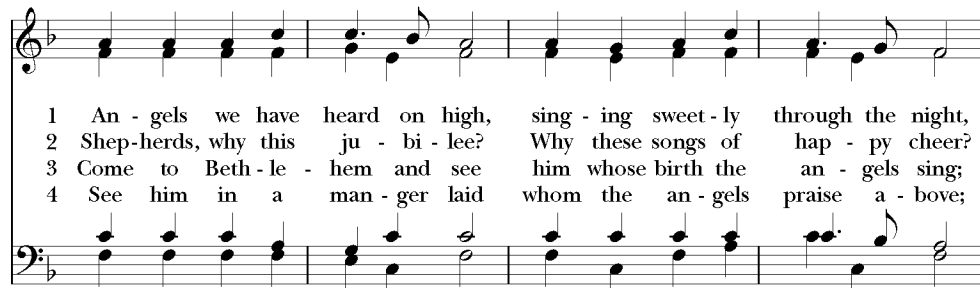
6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

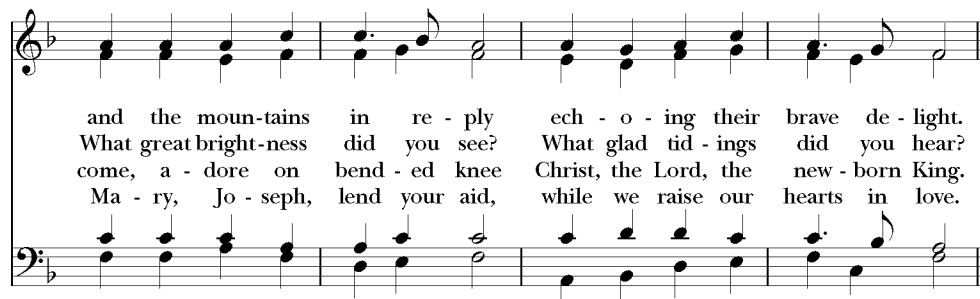
Presider Blessed be God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Song of Praise: Hymn 96

Gloria



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

All are seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12

Refrain based on *Von Himmel hoch*

To-day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

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**Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**

**Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.** *Refrain*

**Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.**

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.** *Refrain*

**Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.** *Refrain*

The Second Reading

Titus 2: 11-14

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

All stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn 78

Forest Green

Unison or harmony

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The Gospel

Luke 2: 1-20

The Deacon proclaims the Gospel:

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is concluded with:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

All stand for the affirmation of faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **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 worshipped 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

After each petition:

Intercessor Incarnate God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding Collect and bids the Peace.

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.

Announcements & Offertory

An offering is collected to help support St. James' mission of sharing Christ's love with the world. For more information on how you can help, go to www.stjameskan.org/support-st-james or by clicking the QR Code on the back of the bulletin

Offertory Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

All stand for the presentation of the gifts.

*Meg Lawton, Mezzo-soprano
Michael Larkin, Baritone*

Presentation Hymn 93

Regent Square

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

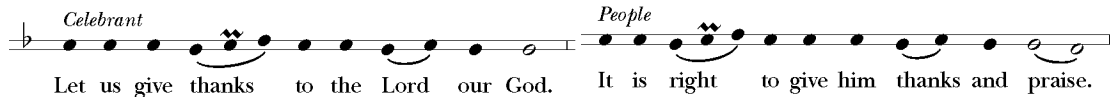
Refrain
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks. For you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing, you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you, to serve you night and day, and beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you and glorify your name as we sing:

All join in singing the Sanctus (S-130 in the blue hymnal)

All **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.

The People remain standing as the Presider recalls God's work in creation and humanity's fall and the redemption of the world by Christ..

After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you:

All **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be blessed and sanctified by God. When the Presider concludes the prayer, the People loudly respond, "AMEN!"

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. All sing the Confractorium (S-164 in the blue Hymnal).

All **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.
Give us your peace,
Give us your peace.

The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion of our Lord. All who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are welcome to receive. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a Blessing.

The Presider or Deacon will place the Bread in your hands. You may eat the Bread and drink from the common Cup, or you may leave the Bread in your hands and have the Minister dip the Bread in the Wine for you before handing it back.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish you receive for any reason, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing.

During Communion, Prayer Ministers are available at either end of the altar rail to pray with anyone who is in need.

Communion Anthem: *Gesu Bambino* (The Child Jesus)

Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

Michael Larkin, Baritone

Hymns at Communion: 89

115

80

Carol

Greensleaves

Von Himmel hoch

When all have received Holy Communion, the Ministers return to the Holy Table.

Presider

Let us pray.

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 Presider offers a blessing and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Ministers and Choir process during the Closing Hymn

The People's candles are lit.

Closing Hymn 87

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Hymn by Candlelight 111

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Deacon
People

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Participants in the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher

Deacon

Lector

Intercessor & Eucharistic Minister

Eucharistic Minister

Crucifer

Organist & Choir Director

Guest Instrumentalists

Director of Contemporary Music & Technology

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The Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart

Hamilton Fish

Carol Murphy

Sr. Marie Patricia Hughes

Mary Marshall

Beverly Smith

Dave Palen

Justin Oei

Elizabeth Bishop, violin

James Kyle, trumpet

Michael Larkin

Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny

Susan Larkin

Earl, Connie & Amy Tuttle

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Our Christmas celebration continues tomorrow:

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Carols – 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 31 at 10: am

2023 St. James' Christmas Flowers

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