

St. James' Episcopal Church  
Hyde Park, New York



Christmas Day 10:00 am  
December 25, 2022

Welcome to St. James' Church!

We are honored by your presence with us as we  
welcome the Christ child.

Today's liturgy is a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion, according to the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. This service leaflet will guide you through the service. Words in *italics* are rubrics (directions) for worship. Words in **bold font** are responses to be said by you, the People. If you are worshipping in person, you will need the three books in the pews: The prayer book, a small red book; *The Hymnal 1982*, the larger blue book; and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, the hymnal with a multi-colored cover and a red binding. **Unless stated otherwise, all hymns are in *The Hymnal 1982*.**

Thank you for joining us in praise, prayer, word, sacrament, and joy!



# The Word of God

## PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN #105    God rest you merry, gentlemen  
*Please stand (as able).*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*    Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

## GLORIA

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 356

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Presider*    God be with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**  
*Presider*    Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 96 *St. Helena Psalter*

Sing to God a new song; \*  
**sing to God all the whole earth.**

Sing and bless God's holy Name; \*  
**proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations, \*  
**God's wonders among all peoples.**

For God is great and greatly to be praised, \*  
**more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, \*  
**but it is God who made the heavens.**

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! \*  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!**

Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, \*  
**ascribe to God honor and power.**

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; \*  
**bring offerings and come into the courts of praise.**

*Continued*

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; \*  
**may the whole earth stand in awe.**

Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! \*  
**God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;**  
**God will judge the peoples with equity.**

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 God, who will come, \*  
**who will come to judge the earth.**

God will judge the world with righteousness \*  
**and the peoples with truth.**

## SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

*Lector* A Reading from a letter to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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,

*Continued*

“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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson

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*Book of Common Prayer* p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After the prayers, the Presider says a Concluding Collect.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 360

THE PEACE

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 360



# The Holy Eucharist

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *Book of Common Prayer* p. 367

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Book of Common Prayer* p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

THE INVITATION

*Presider* The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## *About Receiving Communion*

Wherever you are in your journey with God, you are welcome to receive communion. If you are in person and wish to receive, simply come forward to the Altar Rail, where you may either stand or kneel, holding forward an open palm. The Priest will place the communion wafer in your hand. Then, the Deacon will bring to you the common cup of wine. You may either drink from the cup, or you may let the Deacon take the wafer from your open palm, dip the wafer into the wine, then place the wafer on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the Priest instead of communion, you may also come forward to the Altar Rail and hold your crossed arms over your chest.

*A Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

Especially if you are worshipping via livestream, you are invited to pray the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion: Most holy Jesus, in you we are made one body and one spirit; may all that is you flow into me this day, that I may grow more fully into your stature, bound to you in love within the communion of all the saints, and may this spiritual communion grant to me, in my earthly pilgrimage, a means of grace and a hope of glory; for your tender mercy's sake. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & COMMISSIONING

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 366

*Please stand (as able).*

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Presider*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN #99    Go tell it on the Mountain    Doug Belding, guitar

DISMISSAL

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



## Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson  
*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon Gail Ganter-Toback  
*Deacon*

Glenn May  
*Minister of Music*

Doug Belding  
*Musician*

Deb Belding  
Lillian Peralta  
*Readers*

Mary Jo Garlo, Janet Bright, Susan Gausepohl  
*Altar Guild*

## Christmas Flowers

In memory of Bonnie Teator Asher

- *Given by Vincent Asher*

In memory of Evelyn & Ernest Mueller, and Luetta & Joseph Slegel

- *Given by Barbara Slegel*

In memory of Angelo Verven

- *Given by Georgia Verven*

In memory of Marilyn & Robert Urban, Jolanda Hejzenbrok, and Jean-Guy Hogya.

- *Given by Russell and Wendy Urban-Mead*

In memory of Candace Vincent

- *Given by the Gausepohl Family*

In memory of Amy McDermott, Anne Meisner, and Doris Meisner

- *Given by Nancy Meisner-Montero*

In memory of Daniel Vousboukis and Alan Muckerheide

- *Given by Irene Kipp*

In memory of Dorothy and Emerson Drake

- *Given by Parry Drake*

In memory of the Babcan Family

- *Given by Eric and Tammy Zavadil*