

St. James' Episcopal Church
Hyde Park, New York



Holy Eucharist
with the Celebration of a New Ministry

The Institution of
the Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson
as Priest-in-Charge on

The Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday, January 6, 2024
11:00 a.m.

A few notes about today's service

Most hymns are in *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in your pew. Hymns marked "LEVAS" refer to the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, the book with a multi-colored cover and red binding.

Please join the congregation by saying the responses marked in **bold font**.

PRELUDE

The Institution

ENTRANCE HYMN #117

Brightest and best

A Warden and the Chair of the Search Committee, standing before the bishop with the new minister, say

Bishop Mary, we have come together today to welcome Meredith Kadet Sanderson, who has been chosen to serve as Priest-in-Charge of St. James' Church.

We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop may read the Letter of Institution, or else may state the purpose of the new ministry.

The Bishop then says

Meredith, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Minister I do.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Meredith in this ministry?

People **We will.**

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all God's people, for this congregation, and for Meredith their priest.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Meredith, chosen priest in your Church,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.


For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.


Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the Godbearer, St. James of Jerusalem, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

People



and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.


Cantor *People* *Cantor and People*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

At the end of the litany, the Bishop, standing, says or sings

Bishop (standing) *People* *Bishop*



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Bishop

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Meredith, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

St. Helena Psalter

Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.

Alleluia! Praise God, O my soul! *

I will praise God as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, *

whose hope is in their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

whose promise abides for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed *

and food to those who hunger.

God sets the prisoners free

and opens the eyes of the blind; *

God lifts up those who are bowed down;

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The Most High loves the righteous;
the Most High cares for the stranger; *
**God sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

God shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in

Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out;

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and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah

HYMN #339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

The Induction

Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the bishop with the new minister.

Representatives of the congregation present a Bible, saying

Meredith, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying

Meredith, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Others present a stole, saying

Meredith, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People **Amen.**

Others present a book of prayers or some other symbol, saying

Meredith, receive this book, and be among us as a woman of prayer.

People **Amen.**

Others present olive oil or some other symbol, saying

Meredith, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People **Amen.**

Members of the Hyde Park Community Garden present seeds, saying

Meredith, receive these seeds, and be among us to help us grow, and root for each other.

People **Amen.**

Representatives of the St. James' Nursery School present a gift, saying
Meredith, receive this gift and “bee” among us to love and guide our children.

People **Amen.**

Representatives of the Sunday School and Youth Group present a banner, saying

Meredith, receive this banner and join our youth in singing Alleluia to our loving God.

People **Amen.**

The Companions of Mary the Apostle in West Park present a gift, saying,
Meredith, receive this gift, and remember to take time for prayer and Sabbath rest.

People **Amen.**

A Warden presents the keys of the church, saying

Meredith, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People **Amen.**

Representative clergy of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

Meredith, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People **Amen.**

Other representatives of the congregation present bread and wine, saying

Meredith, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop then says

Meredith, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People **Amen.**

The new Minister kneels in the midst of the church and says

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying

Greet your new priest.

The family of the new minister may also be presented at this time.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

The Bishop greets the new minister.

THE PEACE

The new Minister then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The new Minister then greets other members of the clergy, family members, and the congregation. The People greet one another.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

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 #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Bishop continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Bishop and People

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

The Bishop continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you...
...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.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer p. 364

Bishop

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven...

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then follows

THE FRACTION ANTHEM #S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

He shall feed his flock (*Messiah*)

G.F. Händel

Sister Helena Marie, CHS, *organ*

The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie, *flute*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer p. 564

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop and People

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Meredith may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #221

This little light of mine

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the People.

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

POSTLUDE

*Please join us for a luncheon reception
in the Parish Hall following the service!*



Today's Worship Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool,
Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of New York
Celebrant

The Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah
Preacher

The Rev. Meredith
Kadet Sanderson
Assisting Priest

Glenn May
Minister of Music

The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie
Sister Helena Marie, CHS
Guest Musicians

Riley Hall
Kristina Palermo
Maddie Glancey
Acolytes & Crucifer

Lynne Koch
Janet Bright
Altar Guild

Wendy Urban-Mead
Eucharistic Minister

Kasey Gaulin
Livestream Production

The Rev. Deacon Gail
Ganter-Toback
Deacon

Teresa Gasparini
Cantor

Tessa Kale
Brian McCarthy
Ushers

Russell Urban-Mead
Lynne Koch
Mike Fenwick
Readers

Joseph Gasparini
Worship Assistant

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Hospitality Coordinators

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