

St. James' Episcopal Church
Hyde Park, New York
&
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
Staatsburg, New York



Holy Eucharist
with Confirmations & Receptions

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

hosted by St. James' Church

A few notes about today's service

Most hymns not printed in the bulletin 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**.

The Word of God

Four candles on the Advent wreath are lit this morning.

PRELUDE

Christmas Lullaby, Albin C. Whitworth

OPENING HYMN #56 v. 1-3,7

O come, O come, Emmanuel

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Creator of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15

The Song of Mary, “Magnificat”

Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior,*
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:*

**you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you*
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm*
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones*
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things*
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel,*
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears,*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Lector A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

“Advent Alleluia,” Andrew Wright

Please stand as you are able.

Sung twice.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

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 leaped 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 leaped for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

FOR CONFIRMATION

Dinor Dhanabala

presented by Patty Glancey, St. James' Church

Riley Ava Hall

presented by Valerie Gaulin, St. James' Church

Ronald Michael Lane

presented by Joseph Gasparini, St. James' Church

FOR RECEPTION

Carol Anne Barret

presented by the Rev. Deacon Shirley Lawson, St. Margaret's Church

Kevin Gerard Dorney

presented by the Rev. Deacon Shirley Lawson, St. Margaret's Church

Arnold Nicholas Iovinella

presented by William Bozzetto, St. Margaret's Church

Sean Albert Lynch

presented by Michael Fenwick, St. James' Church

Cathleen Ann Lynch

presented by Wendy Urban-Mead, St. James' Church

Anne Marie McGrath

presented by Wendy and Russell Urban-Mead, St. James' Church

Deirdre Mae Micker

presented by Lillian Peralta, St. James' Church

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

For each Candidate, the Presenter stands with the Candidate and says

I present N. N. for Confirmation. *or*

I present N. N. to be received
into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the Candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him
as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented,
the Bishop invites the People to stand, then says*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your
power to support these persons in their life in
Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing
themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal
covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *they, she, he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *they, she, he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYERS

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

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-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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Following the Sanctus, please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop and People

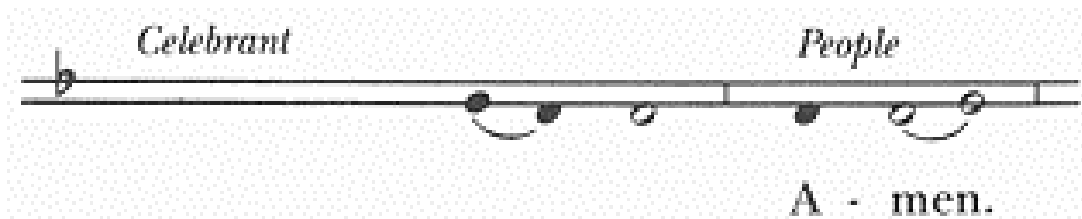
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

THE GREAT AMEN

Bishop

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 ev- er. **AMEN.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then follows

THE FRACTION ANTHEM #S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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.

As Communion is distributed, we sing:

COMMUNION HYMNS

#265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

#487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

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. **Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask.** 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 worshiping 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 in 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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop and People

**Almighty and everliving God
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May the One whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

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

CLOSING HYMN #54

Savior of the nations, come!

DISMISSAL

Deacon As we yearn for justice, peace and love,
go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christmas Medley, Marianne Kim



Immediately following the service, please join us in front of the church. Bishop Shin will bless wreaths to be placed on the graves of the 75 veterans at rest in our churchyard. Please assist in placing wreaths if you are able.

Then, please join us in the Parish Hall for a festive celebration to welcome Bishop Shin and congratulate the newly confirmed and received!



Today's Worship Leaders

The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson

The Rev. Michael Corrigan

Assisting Priests

The Rev. Deacon Gail Ganter-Toback

The Rev. Deacon Shirley Lawson

Deacons

Kyeongji Koh

Organist

Charlessa & Jeff Thatcher

Ushers

Barbara Slegel

Wilma Tully

Readers

Georgia Verven

Barbara Slegel

Pledge Clerks

Eric Zavadil

Acolyte

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Kathleen Ferreira

Altar Guild

Lillian Peralta

Coffee Hour Host

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