

Welcome to St. James's

We're so glad to worship with you today! If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask a priest or usher.

The Holy Eucharist (the Lord's Supper) is the central act of worship in tonight's service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine. In lieu of receiving bread and wine, anyone may receive a blessing from a priest at the altar rail by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like to learn more about being baptized, any of our priests will be happy to speak with you.

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. If needed, our nursery is available for children age 3 and under and accessed through the double doors by the pulpit. Materials for coloring and other quiet activities for children are available on the left before entering the sanctuary. Restrooms are located downstairs.

We'd like to know you better! Please fill out the pew card and introduce yourself while you're here. Keep this bulletin for more information about St. James's. We hope to see you again.

St. James's Episcopal Church

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 24, 2021

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Hymn 83: *Adeste fideles*, "O come, all ye faithful"

v.1-3 all v.4 men v.5 women v.6 all

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Officiant

Bless - ed be God, Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit;

People

and bless-ed be his king-dom, now and for - ev - er. A-men.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 96: *Gloria*, "Angels we have heard on high"

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 87: *Mendelssohn*, “Hark! the herald angels sing”

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 82: *Divinum mysterium*, “Of the Father’s love begotten”

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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, “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

Homily: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The People stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

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 worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

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The People remain standing.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly
and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority
in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this night 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.*

Peace

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

Greeting

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Offerings of Gifts and Praise

Chorus: Hallelujah

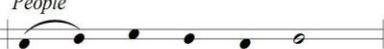
G. F. Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever.

~Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19

Hymn 107 (v. 1): *In dulci jubilo*, “Good Christian friends, rejoice”

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James, our patron and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

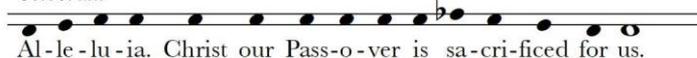
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant



People



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion

Solo: He shall feed his flock

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and he shall give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him;
for he is meek and lowly of heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

~Isaiah 40:11; Matt.11:28, 29

Lisa Edwards Burrs, soprano

Chorus: His yoke is easy

His yoke is easy, and his burthen is light. ~Matthew 11:30

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

Blessing

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. *Amen.*

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. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *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.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. There are two curved lines above the staff, one spanning the first four notes and another spanning the last four notes. The notes are placed on the lines and spaces: G on the first space, A on the second line, B on the second space, C on the third line, B on the second space, A on the second line, and G on the first space. The words "Thanks be to God." are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 111: *Stille Nacht*, “Silent night, holy night”

As a Soloist sings the first verse in German, the Acolytes will light the candles of the congregation at the end of each pew. The People pass the light down the pew, and then follow the Choir and Clergy from the church, all singing.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace; Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of*

Elinor Odell Saunders Felton, James Leonard Felton, and Lou Street Kendrick.

*The wreaths in the sanctuary are given in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Meek, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Austin Brockenbrough, Jr.,
Austin Brockenbrough Neal, Edward F. Neal and Rebecca Adams Michie Neal.*

The poinsettias are given in memory of all those listed in the bulletin.

Service Participants

Preacher & Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Deacon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Assisting Priests: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Lector: Robin Price, Lisa Niemeier

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Dowrick, Sam Fuller

Musicians:

Strings: Susanna Klein, Linda Anderson, Molly Sharp, Dana McComb

Silent Night Soloist: Jeanne Lapierre

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Alexander Whitmire

Parish Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Lisa Edwards	Felicity Blunden	Nate Bick	Duncan Buoyer
Burrs	Rixey Booth	Hill Hopper	Will Conn
Karen Harper	Ellen Buoyer	Bernie Niemeier	Mike McComas
Sabrina LaFleur	Susan Coleman	Chris Rock	Jim Richter
Jeanne Lapierre	Heather Jones'	Kevin Rosengren	Gary Smith
Sarah Motley	Sarah McComas	Mark Shuford	John Tyndall
Robin Price	Melinda Parker	Scott Triplet	Jarvis Wyche*
Kay Tyler	Joy Pannell*	Brandon Wood*	

*Alumnus/ac

Altar Guild: Alice Campbell, Carole Conner, Corinne Davis, Kitsie Garland, Sarah Innes, Liza Leitch, Ginny Poindexter, Jennifer Pollard, Ann Rumble, Betsy Trow, Sally Watters; Lucy Meade and Debbie Meigs, Co-Chairs

Flower Guild: Sarah Beck, Liza Cabell, Corinne Davis, Ginny Evans, Virginia Evans, Ida Farinholt, Leila Jones, Megan Matthews, Debbie Meigs, Tricia Sauer, Rhonda Sutton, Nancy Williams, Vann Williams, Lindsay Wortham; Jeanette McKittrick and Loretta Miller, Co-Chairs

Usher Team 10: David Gardner, Team Leader; Robert Claiborne, Dan Gibbs, John Reynolds, Alex Skidmore, Beth Skidmore, Bobbie Smith, and Randy Smith; Brink Brinkley, Chief Usher

*Poinsettias at the Altar and throughout the church are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of*

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Virginia Booker
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Joanne Raines Brinkley
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In thanksgiving for Grandpa Howard Arrington

In thanksgiving for Florrie, Clementine and Matilda McCard

Christmas Worship Schedule

Saturday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

**No Nursery*

Sunday, December 26 – Christmas I

10:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols

**Nursery from 9:30 to 11:30*

Sunday, January 2 – Christmas II

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Nursery from 8:30 to 12:30*



*The parish office is closed Friday, December 24th through Sunday, January 2nd
and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3rd.*

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