



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
A joyful, inclusive community

Christmas Eve

Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

December 24, 2022 at 10 p.m.



Visitors: We are delighted to welcome you today and look forward to getting to know you. Please sign our guest list in the entryway or complete a visitor card in the pew-back in front of you. Please indicate on the guest list or visitor card if you would like us to contact you about membership at St. James.

Holy Communion: All who are drawn by the love of Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward at the appointed time to receive the consecrated bread (in the palm of your hand) and wine (from the chalice). Please note that Communion in one kind is perfectly valid, if you do not wish to receive from the common cup. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Healing: During Communion, healing ministers are available in the side chapel to anoint you and pray with you for healing of mind, body, or spirit.

Pastoral Care: If you have questions about St. James, pastoral concerns, or would like to speak with a priest, please contact The Rev. John Kirkley at john@stjamesf.org or (415)751-1198 ext. 3.

Worship with Children: Children of all ages are welcome to join us at both worship services. During the school year, we offer a Sunday School program at 10 a.m. in the Caldwell Room downstairs for children ages 4 - 9, and nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the preschool classroom next door.

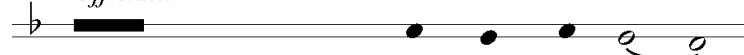
COVID-19 Prevention: Following the recommendation of the Diocese of California, we strongly recommend vaccination, including the new boosters that target the Omicron variant. Wearing masks is encouraged during worship, but not required. You may remove your mask while reading or when consuming Holy Communion. If you have not already done so, please show your proof of vaccination to the ushers, so that your name may be added to their confidential list. Thank you for doing your part to keep each other safe.

The Service of Light

*Throughout the bulletin, the congregation shall say all **bolded** text aloud.*

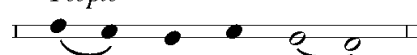
The church is dark.

Officiant



Light and peace, in Je - sus Christ our Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

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.

Opening Hymn

The candles are lighted as we sing.

“O Come, All Ye Faithful,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #83
(Verses 1-5)

The Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

A Bidding Prayer

First Lesson

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3: 1-15

Hymn

“In the Bleak Midwinter,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #112

Second Lesson

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Hymn

“The Snow Lay on the Ground,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #110

Third Lesson

Luke 1: 26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #82

Fourth Lesson

Luke 1: 39-56

The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #107

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1: 57-80

John the Baptist is born and his father rejoices that his son will prepare the way of the Lord.

Hymn

“What Child is This,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #115

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 1-20

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

Hymn

“Angels we Have Heard on High,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #96
(Verses 1-3)

Homily

The Rev. John Kirkley

The Station at the Creche

The people stand, as they are able.

Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

The Word became flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Let us pray

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior manifested your glory in his flesh, and sanctified the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen: Accept, we pray, this representation of the nativity of our Lord; and grant that as we look upon it, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen only by the eye of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn

“Away in a Manger,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #101

The Doxology

Hymn #380

The people stand, as they are able.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Book of Common Prayer, Rite Two: Eucharistic Prayer B
(Revised for expansive language)

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, showing four staves with lyrics for Celebrant and People. The notation is in a single system with a common time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world; you have become one with us that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom.

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:

Continued on the next page.

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

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. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 God,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint James, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,
glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er. A - MEN.

Chant adaptation by Bruce E. Ford, 1992.

The Lord's Prayer

The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

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

“Fraction Anthem,” S152

Silence is kept as the Presider breaks the consecrated bread, then all sing the Fraction Anthem.

This setting is not used in Lent.

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.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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Also, during and after you receive Communion, healing ministers will be available in the side chapel to anoint you and pray with you for healing of mind, body, or spirit.

Communion Hymn

“Silent Night,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #111

Postcommunion Prayer

The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

Let us pray.

**God our Creator,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

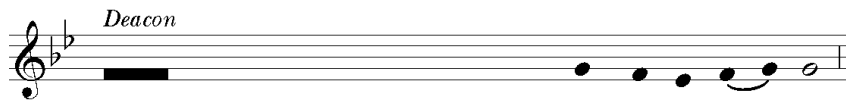
Closing Hymn

The people stand, as they are able.


“Joy to the World!,” *The Hymnal 1982*, #100

Dismissal

Deacon




Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude

You are invited to stay seated and enjoy the Postlude, or you are welcome to leave quietly.

“Mary’s boy child”

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. John Kirkley
Preacher	The Rev. John Kirkley
Music Director	Mark Wanless
Eucharistic Minister	Robert Foster
Ushers	Mary Balmana, Blake Hallanan
Readers	Mary Balmana, Tom Matthews, Blake Hallanan
Flower Guild	Mary Balmana, Heather Davies, Rebecca Wrangham, Noreen Huey

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Christmas Honor and Memorial Gifts

Thank you for your generosity!

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Roger Wickstrom and Petrina Grube

Ed Wilcox

Susanna Rodriguez - In memory of Kathryn Anderson

John and Gwen Buehrens - For the Parish Rector

Tom and Ann Matthews - In memory of Marjorie and Richard Matthews

Joan Butler - In memory of Jay Butler and Bill Olund

Oi Yun Chow - In memory of loved ones

Margaret Stark-Roberts - In memory of Bill and Nancy Newmeyer

St. James Mission Statement

To bring an ever increasing number of people
into an ever closer relationship with Jesus Christ
so that God's love may be a transforming force
for the communities in which we live.

St. James News

Faith in Action Evening Prayer: Join us at the Faith in Action Evening Prayer on **Wednesday, December 28 at 6:30pm** where we will remember the Holy Innocents with the telling of the true story of Christmas in the words and songs of children.

Gift Drive: The Episcopal Community Services Holiday Gift Drive supports over 2,000 single adults, families, and children experiencing homelessness or poverty. The ask this year is simple — \$25 Target gift cards for neighbors who are experiencing homelessness or poverty or a gift from our Amazon wish list. Visit this site to support today <https://ecs-sf.org/holiday-gift-drive/>

The Mystical Way of Christ: This six session, Lenten program explores the teachings of the historical Jesus and the mystical Way of union with Christ. The program begins and ends with Saturday morning (9:30 am – Noon) in-person retreats on February 25 and March 25. In between, we gather on Zoom Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm. Each session is devoted to an aspect of the Way, beginning with the historical Jesus, the four-fold path of spiritual growth, and concluding with Jesus and the Blessed Mother Mary. Each session also introduces a different prayer practice to support us on the Way. More than an introduction to the life and teaching of Jesus, this program is designed to support the development of conscious spiritual growth in the participants. Participants must commit to all six sessions, as they are progressive and cumulative. For more information and to RSVP contact Pastor John at john@stjamesf.org.

Silent Meditation: Please join us on **Sunday evenings** at St. James as we sit for 20 minutes of silent meditation and prayer. Find a quiet space to end your weekend, take a break from the busyness of your life, and feel the power of meditating with a group. All are encouraged to come together, celebrating our inner strength and insight. Gathering and preparation begins at **5:30pm** and at **5:45pm** we commence 20 minutes of silence.

Bible Study: Please join us on **Tuesdays from Noon-1pm** for an online, weekly, midday reflection on sacred scripture. We are continuing a study of St. Paul's letters to the churches in Corinth. All are welcome and no previous experience is required. A link to the zoom room can be found in the eNewsletter.

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