

# THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PAGEANT

> DECEMBER 24, 2021 FOUR O'CLOCK

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Children change us. The presence of an infant child transforms us from autonomous adults, going about our daily lives, into mothers and fathers, grandparents and god-parents, aunts and uncles. We become a new person in the presence of a child whose mere existence asks for our care and nurture. We discover our infinite capacity to love another being when we realize that there is nothing we wouldn't do for the child who has claimed our heart.

It is no wonder, then, that God chose to come into the world as an infant child. God could have arrived as a powerful authority demanding our respect and allegiance. God could have overwhelmed us with strength and we would have bowed our obedience in the fear of the Lord. Instead, God takes on human flesh as an infant baby, helpless and dependent, and we gather around his manger crib willing to be transformed by the presence of the Christ.

As you gather here today at St. James' Episcopal Church, we hope you feel the transforming power of the infant Jesus who changes us from autonomous adults into one human family of brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope that your heart is touched by worshipping together this night and you know intimately the power of God's love for you.

If you are searching for a faith home or you desire to know more about the love of Christ and the ways that it can transform your life—join us at St. James' and meet other Christians who are on the same journey. We are all discovering the ways that God's love and our love for God and one another can transform us and the world around us. It all begins with an infant child, and this child, Jesus, will lead the way.

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The Reverend W. Earl Mullins Interim Rector

# While Worshipping With Us

- Please remember to silence your cell phone, pager, or electronic device prior to the service.
- The complete liturgy is in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
- In an effort to protect the most vulnerable among us, please wear a mask that covers both your nose and mouth except when addressing the congregation as a reader or speaker.

# Nursery

### Children are always welcome in worship!

If needed, Nursery care is available during this service. The Nursery is located through the front left doors of the sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs—the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen.

### PRELUDE

Silent Night

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O Come All Ye Faithful Good King Wenceslas

I Saw Three Ships Away in a Manger Silent Night

### WELCOME

# The Entrance Rite

The people stand.

### Hymn at the Procession - 102

Once in royal David's city

vs. 1 duet; vs. 2-6 sung by all. Emilie van Dongen, Grace Scheib Emilie van Dongen, piano Grace Scheib, piano

Sebastian Laughlin Ferry, violin

Violette & Kathleen Greenough, duet





### **CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION**

The people standing

*Celebrant* The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

### *People* And all flesh shall see it together.

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

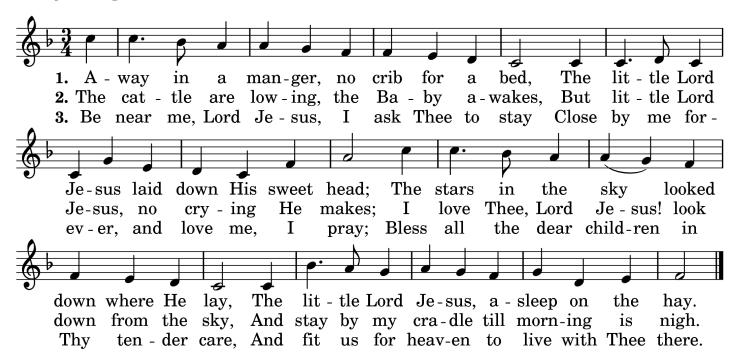
### *People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

SONG OF PRAISE

Children sing verse 1; verses 2 & 3 sung by all.

Away in a manger

Meuller



### THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

### *People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes again in glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

# A Christmas Pageant

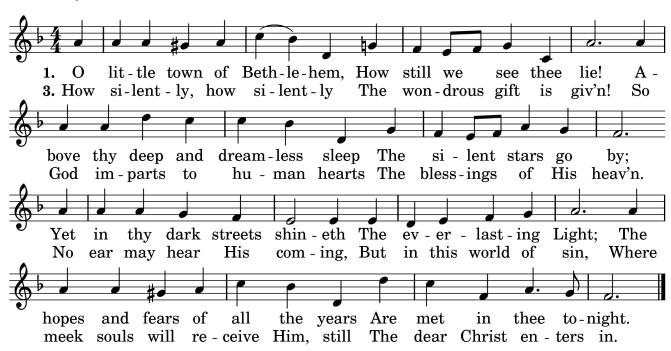
### SCENE ONE: THE PROPHET

### CAROL

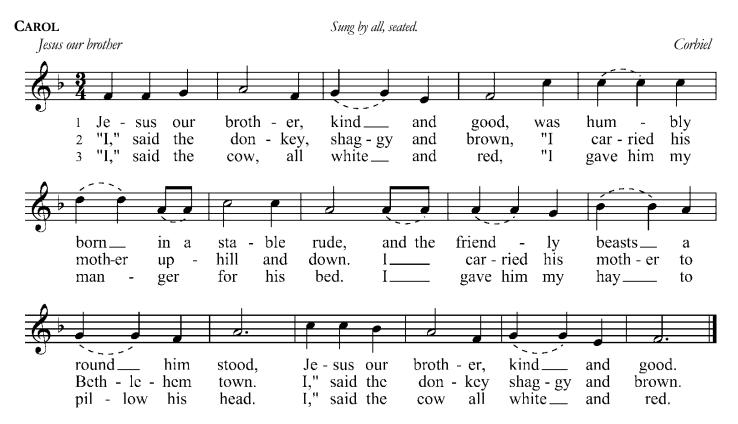
O little town of Bethlehem

Sung by all, seated.

St. Louis



### SCENE TWO: THE BIRTH



### SCENE THREE: THE ANGELS

#### CAROL Sung by all, seated. Mendelssohn Hark! the herald angels sing 1 Hark! the her ald "Glo - ry to the new-born King: an - gels sing, on earth, and mer - cy peace mild, God and sin-ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful all tri-umph of na-tions, rise, join the the skies; ye "Christ is in Beth-le - hem!" th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, with born . "Glo-ry Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, the new-born King." to

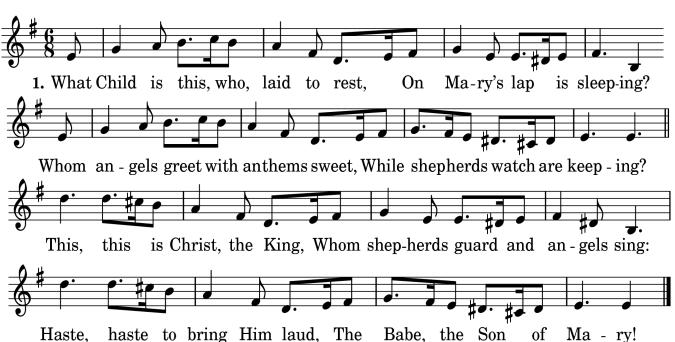
### SCENE FOUR: THE SHEPHERDS

CAROL

What child is this

Sung by all, seated.

Greensleeves



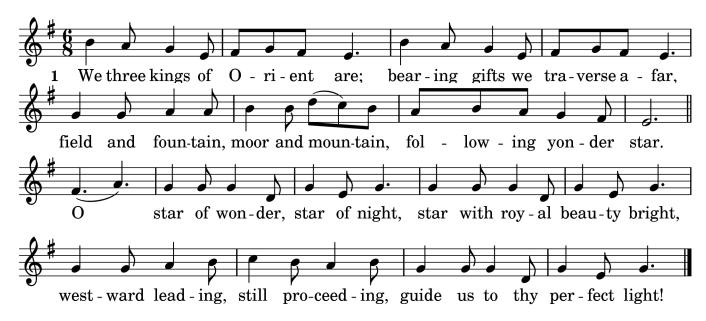
### SCENE FIVE: FOUR KINGS

### CAROL

We three kings of Orient are

Sung by all, seated.

Three Kings of Orient



### SCENE SIX: ANOTHER WAY



### THE PEACE

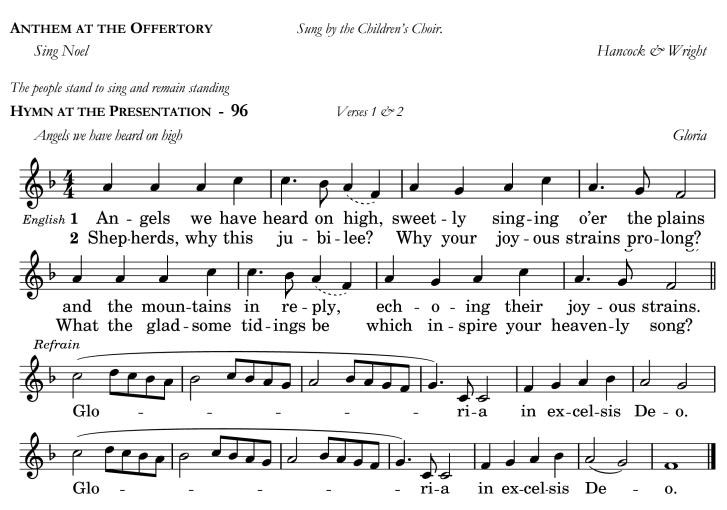
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

# The Holy Communion

The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support the Church's work of sharing God's love with the world.



### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
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*People* And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

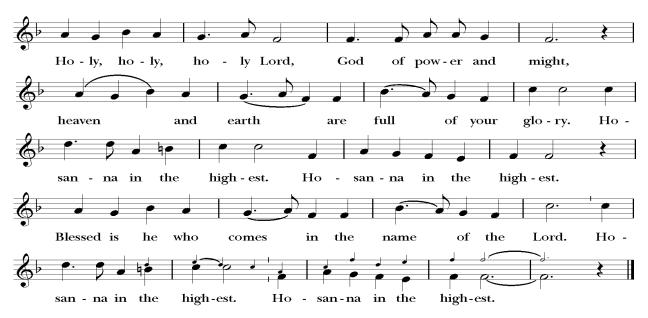
*People* We lift them to the Lord.

- *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- *Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because, in the incarnation of the Word made flesh in Christ Jesus, a new light has dawned upon the world; you have become one of us that we might become one with you in your glorious reign. 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 & BENEDICTUS - S-125

Sung by all.

Holy, holy, holy Lord



Please stand as the Celebrant continues.

*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 God,

### *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 Mary and Joseph and all your 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.

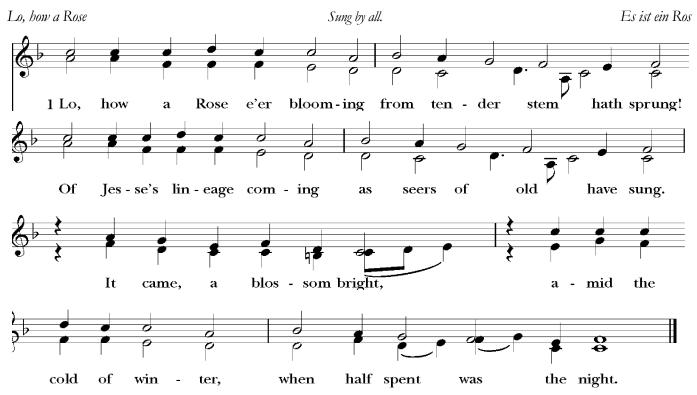
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People* 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & FRACTION ANTHEM - 81



### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to welcome all who are baptized to receive the bread at Communion. Please come forward to the altar. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know. Consecrated glutenfree wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you have gluten sensitivity.

#### ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Rise up Shepherd and Follow

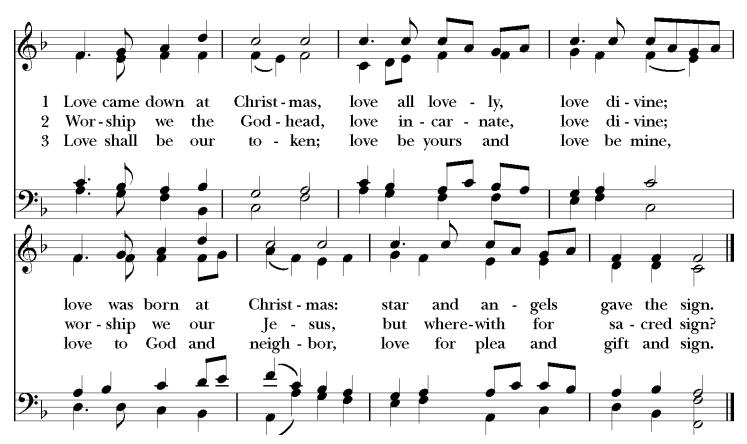
**CAROLS AT THE COMMUNION** 

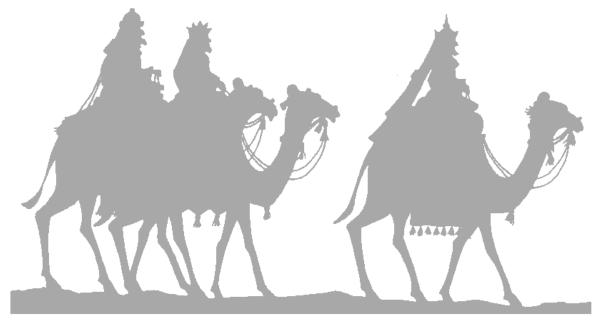
arr. John Helgen

Grace Scheib, soloist Emilie Van Dongen, soloist

#### The snow lay on the ground - 110 Venite Adoremus The lay snow the shone bright, 1 on the ground, stars 2 'Twas Ma ry, daugh of ho 1y Anne, pure -ter 3 Saint the child; Jo seph, too, by to tend was -4 throne; And thus that man ger poor be came а when Christ Lord was Christ - mas night. Ve our born On that brought in to this world the God made man. She guard him, and pro tect his mo - ther mild; the to for he whom Ma - ry God the Son. Ο bore was $\mathbf{n}\mathbf{i}$ te do mus Do mi Ve а re \_ num. laid him stall Beth le the in а at hem; an gels hov ered round. and sang this song, Ve let heaven - ly come, then, join the host, to us Refrain Do $\mathbf{n}\mathbf{i}$ te a do \_ mus mi num. re \_ shared roof with ass and en the them. ox \_ Ve - $\mathbf{Do}$ te а do re mus mi num. $\mathbf{n}\mathbf{i}$ -\_ -\_ praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho \_ 1y Ghost. ni te do re mus Do mi Ve -\_ а \_ \_ num. \_ ni do mus Do mi \_ te а -re num.

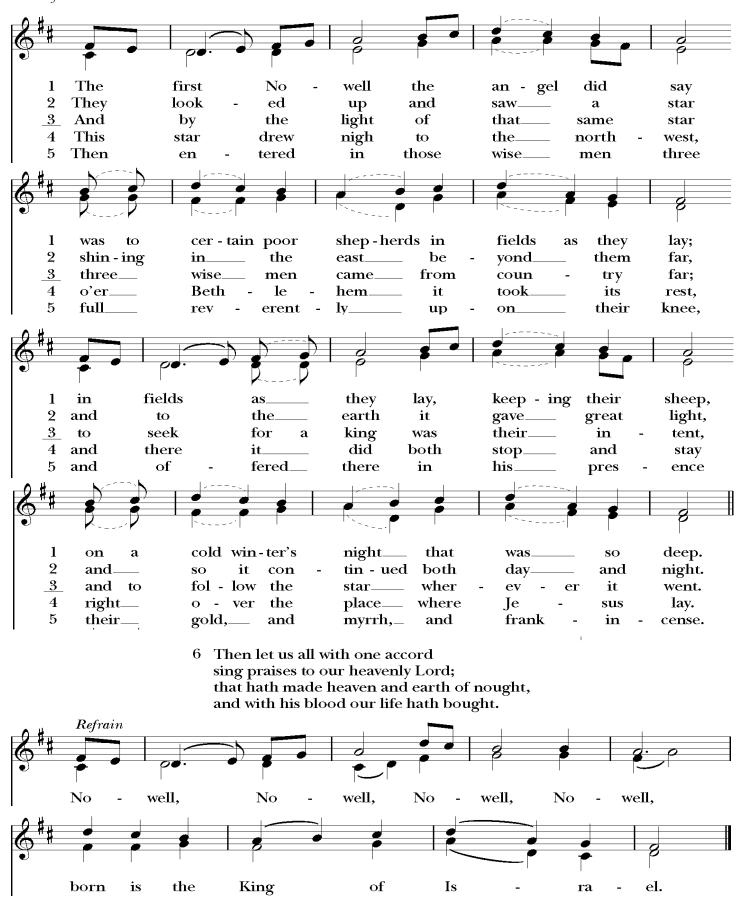
Love came down at Christmas - 84





The first Nowell - 109

The First Nowell



### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The acolytes will process with lighted tapers to light the candles for the congregation. The light will be passed from person to person and will remain lighted during the singing of "Silent Night."

### Hymn - 111

Silent Night

# Seated

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, sleep in heavenly peace.

Standing as able

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

Standing with candles held high

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, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Please assist the children as everyone extinguishes candles.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

We give you thanks, O God, for you have visited your people. In the human frailty of your Son Jesus Christ you have revealed the face of divinity. Gather into your arms all the people of the world, so that in your embrace we might share your peace and goodwill which is the inheritance of your children everywhere. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

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

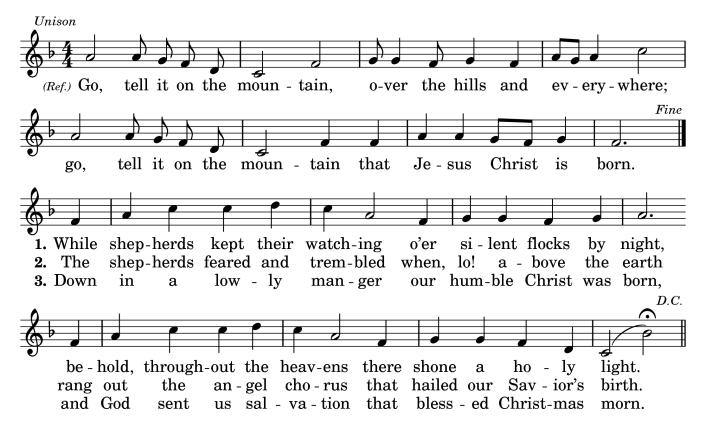
Stille Nacht

Sung by all.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 99

Sung by all, standing.

Go tell it on the mountain



### THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### POSTLUDE



# **CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE**

# CHRISTMAS EVE: Friday, December 24

4:00 PM	Festival Eucharist & Pageant - 3:40 PM Prelude
7:00 PM	Festival Candlelight Eucharist - 6:40 PM Prelude
10:00 PM	Festival Candlelight Eucharist - 9:40 PM Prelude

# CHRISTMAS DAY: Saturday, December 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Carols

# SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: Sunday, December 26

- 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (in-person)
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (in- person & live-streamed)

# JOIN US FOR SERVICE IN PERSON AND ONLINE!

Sundays, 7:45 a.m. Rite I (in person) Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Rite II (in person & live-streamed) <u>facebook.com/stjamesleesburg</u> Learn more at <u>stjamesleesburg.org/st-james-livestreaming</u>

### The poinsettias adorning our worship space were given by

Jeff, Dottie, Joseph & Stephen Brannock in memory of Thomas, Elsie, & Richard Brannock, and John & Rose Emerick.

Joy Griffith in memory of Judy Bowen, Judy Hauding Smith, & Bobbie Wilhelm, and in memory of Lucille & Lawrence Muse from their children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren.

Christopher & Janis Hatch in thanksgiving and in memory of Harry, Jean, William & Nancy, and our daughters & grandchildren.

Edgar Hatrick and his children in memory of Betty O. Hatrick, and loved ones, and in thanksgiving of the people at St. James' and their Interim Rector, Fr. Earl Mullins.

Jim Jenkins in memory of Mary Perdue Jenkins.

Lois & Jerry Krumwiede in memory of Barbara Dombrowski, Polly Clemens, George Durfey, & Dean Korpan.

Susan & Page Moffett in loving memory of family and friends.

The Sutton Family in memory of Carol Higgins.

Dan & Pat Thomas in memory of John, Betty, Nancy, & Susan, and Eleanor & Harry.

# ST. JAMES' COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Recently, the CDC updated its guidance based on their study of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19. According to the updated guidance, even those who are fully vaccinated are advised to wear masks when attending public indoor gatherings in counties with "substantial" or "high" coronavirus transmission rates. Since Loudoun County, in which most of our worshiping community lives, falls into the "substantial" transmission rate category — and as requested by Bishop Susan Goff, of the Diocese of Virginia — we have modified our mask requirements for indoor worship.

Effective August 1, the following is the St. James' COVID-19 protocol:

In order to continue moving around the Nave to exchange the Peace, we ask that <u>all worshippers wear</u> <u>masks indoors, regardless of their vaccination status</u>. The readers and the preacher will remove their masks when speaking and while being distanced, but masks will be worn while distributing communion. Dr. Cooksey may be unmasked while at the organ or piano.

There will be no Coffee/Lemonade Hour for the time being, however the parishioners are welcome to gather informally in small groups, while wearing masks, if indoors, and exercising common sense in terms of distancing.

**The 10:00 Worship Service** will continue to be **livestreamed** on the St. James' Facebook Page and the St. James' YouTube Channel simultaneously. The service bulletins are available on the church website, at **www.stjamesleesburg.org**, under Worship > St. James' Livestreaming.

Thank you for your continued flexibility as we strive to "love all our neighbors" in this way.

# ADULT INQUIRERS: THE UNIQUENESS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fr. Earl will be hosting a Sunday Series that serves the dual purpose of both developing us as Christians in the Anglican tradition AND preparing individuals for confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation in The Episcopal Church.

Join us each week, whether you are confirmed already or would like to be. Reach out to Fr. Earl if you are interested in moving forward with your own faith journey.

# CALENDAR FOR DEC. 24, 2021 - JAN. 2, 2022

24	FRIDAY	(Christmas Eve)	
	4:00 PM	Festival Eucharist & Pageant	
	7:00 PM	Festival Eucharist	
	10:00 PM	Festival Eucharist	
25	SATURDAY	(Christmas Day)	
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
26	SUNDAY		
20	7:45 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I (in-person)	
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (in-person & live-streamed)	
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27	MONDAY		
	5:00 PM	Grace 2 Go Meal Distribution - Parking Lot	
	7:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer - Nave	
	7:00 PM	Women's AA Meeting - via Zoom	
29	WEDNESDA	AY	
	6:00 PM	Choir Practice - Nave	
	7:00 PM	Drop-in Grief Support - Janney Parlor	
30	THURSDAY		
	8:30 PM	Men's AA Meeting - Parish Hall	
31	FRIDAY	(Now Voar 2 Evo)	
51	FRIDAT	(New Year's Eve)	
1	SATURDAY	(New Year's Day)	
2	SUNDAY		
-	7:45 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I (in-person)	
	9:00 AM	Kids' Christian Formation - Janney House (3rd Floor)	
	9·00 AM	Adult Inquiries: What is Anglicanism? - Parish Hall	
	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Adult Inquiries: <i>What is Anglicanism?</i> - Parish Hall Holy Eucharist Rite II (in-person & live-streamed)	

If you have any questions about any events at St. James' please contact the Church Office at (703)777-1124.

### ST. JAMES' LITURGICAL TEAM

### The Rev. W. Earl Mullins

Interim Rector

### Dr. Steven Cooksey

Director of Music/Organist

### Kay Gregg

Verger

### ST. JAMES' VESTRY

### Class of 2019-2022

Kath Bucklin Andy Durot Jim Ferry Steve Mayo

### Class of 2020-2023

Chris Cuellar Tamsyn Knight Mary Lou Leipheimer Rebecca Page

### Class of 2021-2024

Fiona Ahrweiler Sherri Dennis Christopher Hatch Mike Scott

### ST. JAMES' STAFF

#### Elizabeth Bullock

Director of Communications & Administration

> Janet Stayrook Preschool Director

# Laura Heyer

Preschool Assistant

Adán Cortes Lead Sexton

### **Executive Team**

Fred Williams, Senior Warden Tom Horne, Junior Warden Jane Roth, Registrar John Forcier, Treasurer "In case of illness, the minister of the congregation is to be notified." -The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453 Please let us know when you are in need of prayer and care.

### THE REV. EARL MULLINS

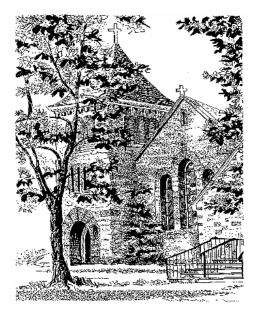
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# IN NEED OF PRAYER... IN NEED OF CARE?

# If you need pastoral care or prayer please let us know!

Needed prayer for: Yourself Someone Else
Name(s):
Details (Optional):
Would you like to be added to the Prayer List? Yes No
Do you need Pastoral Care (a visit, a phone call, etc.)?
Can we send you a card? Yes No
Address:
Would you like to set up a time to talk with Father Earl? Yes No
Comments:



# ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Join the St. James Family!

If you are a regular worshiper or do not currently have a church home and would like to join our congregation, please contact us today with your name and address at ebullock@stjamesleesburg.org OR

fill out the form below and place it in the plate at offertory, or give it to any usher or clergy.

Name: \_

Members of Household: (include ages of children)

Address:	
Email: Phone:	
I'd like to receive: Information about St. James'	Newsletter
Which service do you attend?	
Would you like to set up a time to meet with Father Ea	arl?

The Rev. Walter Earl Mullins (410)409-9386 fr.earl@stjamesleesburg.org Elizabeth Bullock (Admin)

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