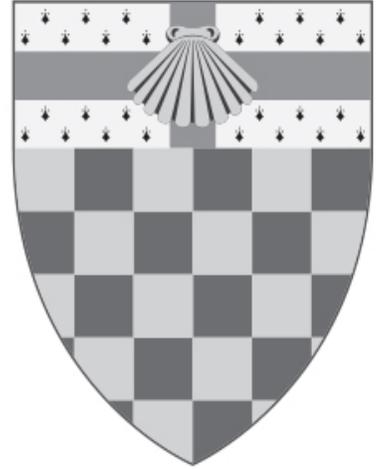


St. James'

Episcopal Church

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 24, 2021

SEVEN O'CLOCK

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Founded in 1812

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.



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.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still

Frances Averitt, flute

arr. R. Hobby

Still, still, still
One can hear the falling snow
For all is hushed
The world is sleeping
Holy star, its vigil keeping
Still, still, still
One can hear the falling snow

Sleep, sleep, sleep
‘Tis the eve of our Savior’s birth
The night is peaceful all around You
Close Your eyes
Let sleep surround You
Sleep, sleep, sleep
‘Tis the eave of our Savior’s birth

Dream, dream, dream
Of the joyous day to come
While guardian angels without number
Watch You as You sweetly slumber
Dream, dream, dream
Of the joyous day to come

INSTRUMENTAL: SCANDINAVIAN CAROLS

Bright and Glorious in the Sky

Frances Averitt, flute

arr. W. Held

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

Frances Averitt, flute

arr. W. Held

ANTHEM

Torches

John Joubert

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to Him!
Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to Him!
Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby

Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;
Sleep you well,
my heart’s own darling
While we sing you our Rorro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry
Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, He lives, the King of heaven
Now and evermore. Amen.
Lo, He lives, the King of heaven
Now and ever, evermore. Amen.

SOLO

O Holy Night

Scott Clarke, bass

Adolphe Adam

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior’s birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
‘Til He appears and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the Wise Men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need, to our weakness is
no stranger
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend.

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is
our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us Praise His Holy name
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

DUET

Joseph Dearest

*Maggie Bullock
Kathleen Greenough*

arr. Satis Coleman

Mary:

Joseph dearest, Joseph mild
Help me rock my little child--
God will give you your reward in
Heav'n
The son of Virgin Mary.

Joseph:

Gladly, dearest, Mary mine,
I will rock your "Kindelein"
God will give me my reward in
Heaven above,--
The son of Virgin Mary.

Both:

Lula, lulla, lullaby
The son of Virgin Mary.

14th C. Germany

SOLO

Ding Dong, Merrily on High

*Corey Rotz, tenor
Frances Averitt, flute*

arr. Harris

Ding dong, merrily on high
The Christmas bells are ringing;
Ding dong! Joyously reply,
The angels all are singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Ding dong! Carol of the bells,
Ring out the Christmas story,
Ding dong! Sound the glad noel,
God's Son has come in glory.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Praise Him, people far and near,
and join the angels singing.
Ding dong! Everywhere, we hear
The Christmas bells are ringing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Hear them ring this happy morn.
Our God a gift has given.
Ding dong! Jesus Christ is born.
A precious Child from heaven.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

The Entrance Rite

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 83

Sung by all.

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

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 - 96

Sung by all.

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria



English 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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 only 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.

The Word of God

THE FIRST LESSON

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 - 100

verses 1, 2, & 4

Joy to the World

Antioch



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King; Let
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy; While
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove The



ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re - peat the sounding joy, Re -
glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness, And won - ders of His love, And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
won - ders of His love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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.

The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 79 *Sung by all*

O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis



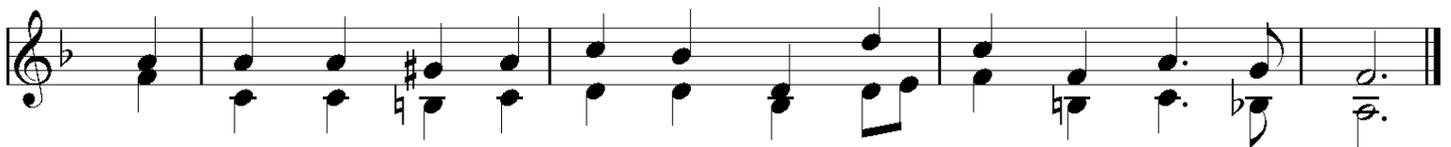
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 3 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 3 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 3 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 3 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-14

Gospeller 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!”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

The Rev. Walter Earl Mullins

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Incarnate God, your angel host announces that peace is born among us, embodied in frail flesh. With confidence in the power of that miracle, we bring you our prayers for the church and the world.

That the child born to us may awaken us to heal this broken and hurting world, and that the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field will be realized in every place of war and on every violent street, we pray to you, O God.

***People* Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and guide us, your children.**

Intercessor That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor will bring wholeness and healing to all who are afflicted with illness and disease, and that in this time of gift-giving, our lives may be offerings of hope to those who are grieving, we pray to you, O God.

***People* Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and guide us, your children.**

Intercessor That as you entered the world in the poverty of the stable, you would instill in us the courage to dismantle the barriers that separate rich from poor, so that we may build together the just world you intended, we pray to you, O God.

***People* Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and guide us, your children.**

Intercessor That the blessed hope we celebrate this night may be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us, knitting your people into shared life for all eternity, we pray to you, O God.

***People* Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and guide us, your children.**

Intercessor Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us. Fill us with your light, that as we walk in the way of peace, we may join our voices with heaven and earth in singing songs of gladness, we pray to you, O God.

***People* Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and guide us, your children.**

The Celebrant prays the concluding collect, and the people respond Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* 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.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

See amid the winter's snow

Traditional

Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on Earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.
Refrain

"As we watched at dead of night,
Low, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing 'Peace on Earth'
Told us of the Savior's birth."
Refrain

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits among the cherubim.
Refrain

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility.
Refrain

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?

The people stand to sing and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION - 115

What child is this

Greensleeves



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peas ant, king to own Him.



Whom an - gels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keep - ing?
Good Christian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus



This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

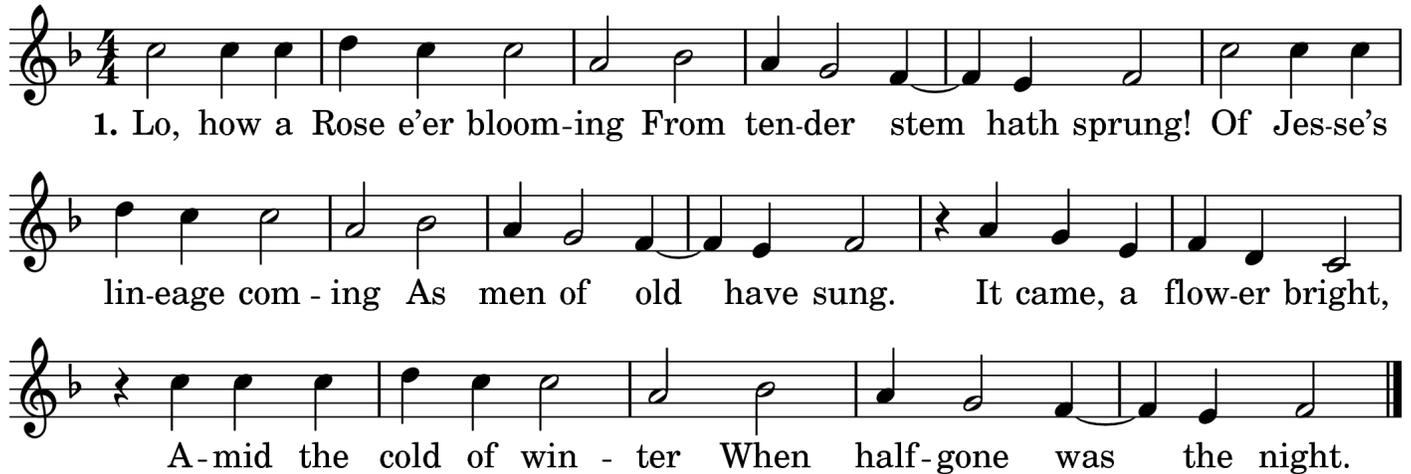
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Lo, how a Rose

Es ist ein Ros



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung! Of Jes-se's
lin-eage com - ing As men of old have sung. It came, a flow-er bright,
A-mid the cold of win - ter When half-gone was the night.

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 gluten-free wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you have gluten sensitivity.

ANTHEMS AT THE COMMUNION

Gesù Bambino

Corey Rotz, tenor

Pietro Yon

Frances Averitt, flute

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows
upon a winter night
was born the Child the Christmas Rose,
the angels sang, the shepherds sang,
the grateful earth rejoiced.
And at his blessed birth the stars
Their exaltation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
to greet the holy night
that gave the world its Christmas Rose.
Let every voice acclaim His name,
the grateful chorus swell.
From Paradise to earth he came
that we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Before the marvel of this night adoring, fold your wings and bow,
then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have known, our joy and endless light,
now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love, sing love, sing God is love!

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone,
snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign
in the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him whom cherubim, worship night and day,
breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay:
enough for Him whom angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give: give Him my heart.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live thee there,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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

Stille Nacht

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight.
 3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,
 'round yon vir - gin mother and child! Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heaven a - far, heavenly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born! Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth! Je - sus Lord, at thy birth!

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.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 87

Sung by all, standing.

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn



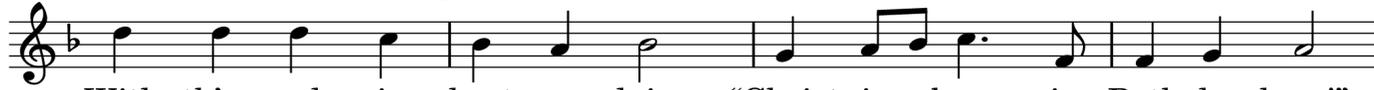
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eaous-ness!



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men Rejoice

J. S. Bach

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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
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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)

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The poinsettias and wreaths adorning our worship space are given by

Jeff, Dottie, Joseph & Stephen Brannock in memory of Thomas, Elsie, & Richard Brannock, and
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Lucille & Lawrence Muse from their children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren.

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

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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 all worshippers wear masks indoors, regardless of their vaccination status. 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.

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

- 24 FRIDAY (Christmas Eve)**
4:00 PM Festival Eucharist & Pageant (in-person & live-streamed)
7:00 PM Festival Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed)
10:00 PM Festival Eucharist (in-person)
- 25 SATURDAY (Christmas Day)**
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (in-person)
- 26 SUNDAY**
7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (in-person)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (in-person & live-streamed)
- 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 WEDNESDAY**
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 (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: *The Uniqueness of the Episcopal Church* - Parish Hall
10:00 AM 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**.

“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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THE CHURCH OFFICE

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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

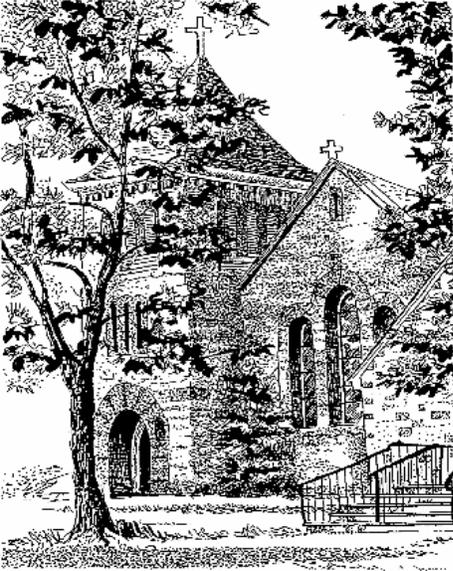
Do you need Pastoral Care (a visit, a phone call, etc.)? Yes No

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

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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 Earl? _____

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