

St. James' Episcopal Church
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Virtual Worship

Liturgy of the Presanctified



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please stand

The Word of God

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance: O Come All Ye Faithful

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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;

Refrain

The Opening Acclamation

Presider

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.

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

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

in unison

1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence: Angels we have heard on high

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1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

after the reading of the Gospel

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

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The Homily

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

Dear family in Christ, in the peace of God all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh during this time. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, to the despairing, and the mourning.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That the rejoicing of this night might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

the celebrant concludes with a collect:

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this day by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace your promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. Amen

The Passing of the Peace

The "passing of the peace," based on ancient rites of the early church, allows the community to gracefully greet one another by saying "the peace of Christ be with you", or simply "peace be with you"; the response is typically "and also with you."

Choir Anthem: "Gesù Bambino"

Pietro Yon

The Prayer over the Presanctified Gifts

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 God thanks and praise.**

O God of creation, you are always with us, you blow among us, you unite us in your love; and so we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, God most high.**

Your son Jesus finds each separate heart,
he gathers us together, he welcomes us all
into communion; and so we praise and bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, God most high.**

Your beloved community has met in prayer
to reveal Christ in this bread;
and now we meet once more to praise and bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, God most high.**

Show us gathered here that we too are Christ's body joined to all your human family
throughout the ages in your love

Feed us, inspire us, fill us with Christ's life that we may fill our lives with you.
Make this sharing radiant with your presence and send us out into the world
to shine forth your truth to all we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider

Holy things for holy people.

People

**One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ
to the glory of God our Father.**

Everyone shares the bread, both in the church building and at home. When all have received, any remaining bread is put away.

For those who do not have the consecrated hosts at home, please join in saying the prayer for spiritual communion.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar at your Church, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I thank you for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the promise of the resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

Since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Closing Prayer

O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding us, both literally and spiritually, with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 repeat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia

People

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude