

Saint James' Episcopal Church

**Family Christmas Service
with Holy Communion**

December 24, 2021



Welcome to St. James' Episcopal Church

This service is meant to be casual and relaxed.

*Please feel free to allow your children to roam around,
and know that noise is perfectly okay.*

*Our purpose is for each person to have an experience of the sacred story
of Christmas, understanding that God meets us in the most unexpected
and wonderful ways, often in the midst of chaos!*

The Christmas Poinsettias are given for the Glory of God and by...

*Ruth Poole, in memory of Bob Poole & Paul McCreary
Jim and Katie Cunningham, in memory of Joan Roberts &
Dorothy Balderston.*

*Janet Fischer, in thanksgiving for her family & friends.
Mary Frances Leopold, in memory of Bob & Frances Leopold.
Patty and Robert Lacy, in memory of Regina Dennie.
Sylvia Ma, in thanksgiving for Eileen & Chris,
and in memory of Emily & Arnold Hsieh.
Meg and John Amouroux, in memory of George Barger
and Rose & Bud Amouroux.*

*Tom and Gail Blalock, in memory of Tom's brother, Ed.
Bud and Pat Spalding, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.I. Alvarez and
Mr. & Mrs. F.P. Spalding, Sr.*

*Ralph and Lynn Locher, in memory of Tianna Lee.
Gianna Verdin, in memory of George Avaloz.
Dave Nelsen, in thanksgiving for Elaine Nelsen.
Bruce Roberts, in memory of Joan Roberts & Annabel Roberts.
Ranjitt Kuman in memory of Kasinadar.
Barbara Johnsen, in memory of Phil Johnsen.
Bob Bynum, in memory of Gretchen Luepke Bynum.*

*Margaret Broun, in thanksgiving for her family & friends,
and in memory of Bob Bell & Marnie Hartmann.*

Bob Doherty, in memory of Beatrice Mettais & Mary Agnes Doherty.

Lauren Doherty, in memory of Jack Doherty & Lawrence Windham.

*Don and Marilyn Rose, in thanksgiving for their family & friends,
and in memory of Ivy Rose.*

*Greg and Elaine Miller, in memory of George Miller and
Yolanda & Carlos Vallecillo.*

Darcia and Gregg Feeney, in thanksgiving for their family.

Ivy Sankar, in memory of her husband, her parents, and her sister.

Marcus Pun, in thanksgiving for KC & Alyssa.

Brian Cochran, in memory of Max Hopkins & Kathy Searcy.

Nancy Castaneda, in memory of Ted & Dorothy Balderston.

Ingrid Jacobson, in memory of Denise Jacobson.

Charisma Pangilinan, in thanksgiving for her blessings.

Jasmine Reynolds, in thanksgiving for her family.

Rose Hoffman in memory of Brad & Frank.

*Laura Winter, in thanksgiving for her "bubble buddies" during the
pandemic, and in memory of Stu, June & Don Winter.*

*Burtin and Elizabeth Hart, in memory of Fent Ferris, Susan Ferris, &
Robert Hart.*

*George and Penny Siegmann, in memory of Roberty & Helen Moore,
Dona & Gary Dennis, George & Agnes Siegmann,
Charlotte Sellers, and Richard Honea.*

*Bob and Debbie Blodgett, in thanksgiving for Rose Hoffman,
and in memory of Frank Hoffman.*

Byron Bader in memory of the Bader Family.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

please stand and sing O Come, All ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Presider: Behold, I bring good news of great joy, which will come to all the people; for to you is born in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

People: **Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace to God's people on earth.**

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you make this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who know the mystery of that Light, may look for the Light of Jesus in every place and in every person. where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

please be seated

The Story: This is the Star

written by Joyce Dunbar, illustrated by Gary Blythe, told by Jan Scrutton

Please join in singing Away In a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid 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 until 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 with thee there.*

Presider:

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People:

And also with you.

please share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors

Please stand and sing the Doxology as the gifts are brought to the altar

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Thank you, God, for making us and our wonderful world. Wherever we are in your world, we should always thank you, through Jesus, your Son.

Jesus lived as one of us; Jesus died on the cross for us; Jesus is alive because you gave him life again; Jesus is with us now.

So, with the angels and everyone in heaven, we say together:

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

Great and wonderful Father, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died, he took the bread; he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood – the new promise of God's love. Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So loving Father, remembering how dearly Jesus loves us, we should love him too. Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, on us and on these gifts, so that, with everyone who eats and drinks this bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus, we may be full of your life and goodness. Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus and live our lives for him.

All honor and glory belong to you, Father, through Jesus, your Son, with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider: And now, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

People and Presider:

**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

Presider Alleluia, we are one bread, one body!

People We will love one another as God loves us. Alleluia!

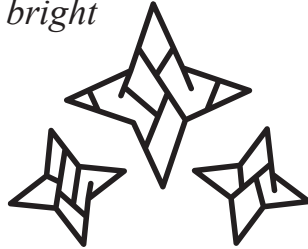
The Presider says The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive communion, hold out your hands, one on top of the other and the minister will give you the bread. Hold onto your bread until everyone has received. We will then consume the bread together when the priest says "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." You may also come up for a blessing instead of the bread; cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Following Communion

please stand and sing Silent Night

*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.*



*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!*

*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 follow the priest outside to bless the new nativity scene

The Blessing of the New Nativity

Presider: Let us pray.

Holy and Blessed One, you sent your beloved Son into the world as a newborn baby.

May the manger remind us of your arms that hold us.

May Mary remind us of your mothering love.

May Joseph remind us of your fathering love.

May all the animals remind us of the goodness of creation.

May shepherds remind us of your care for us.

May the wise people remind us of the gifts we give and receive.

And may the angels remind us of the amazing news of the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All pray together (this is said as an echo prayer):

Presider Holy, gracious and loving God,

People: Holy, gracious and loving God,

Presider: You have drawn us to your heart,

People: You have drawn us to your heart,

Presider: And nourished us at your table.

People: And nourished us at your table.

Presider: Now send us forth

People: Now send us forth

Presider: To be your people in the world,

People: To be your people in the world,

Presider: This day and evermore. Amen.

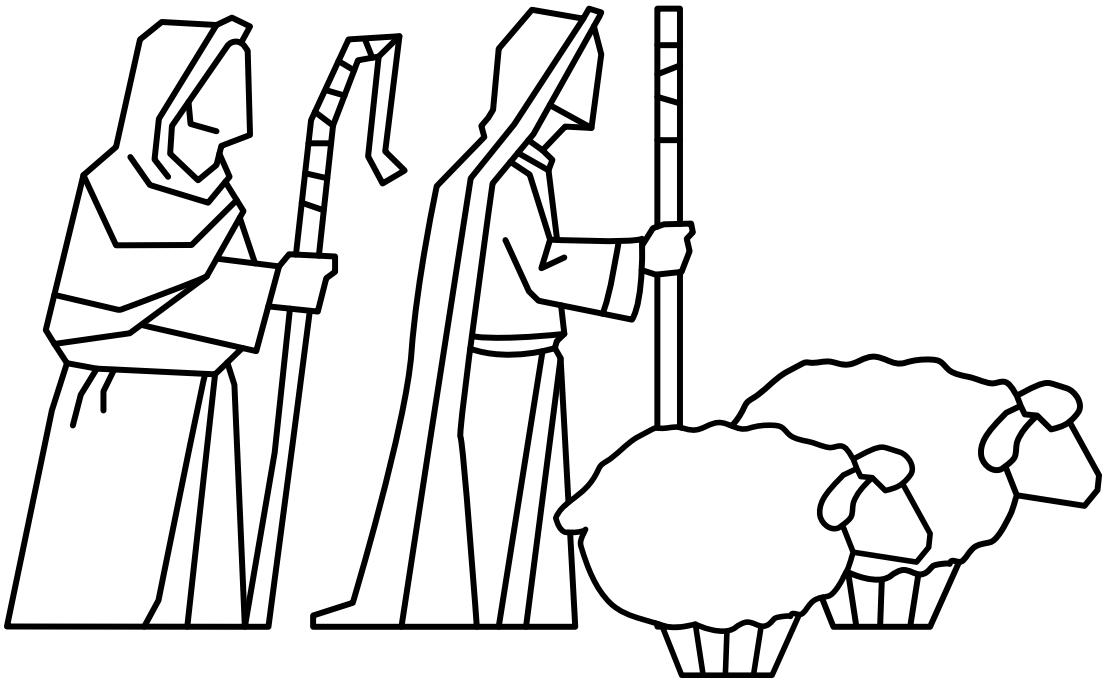
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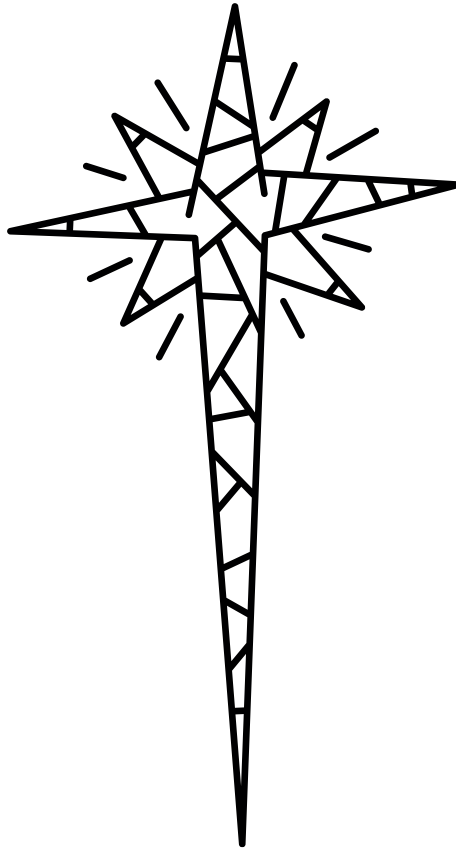
The Presider blesses and dismisses the people.

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

The people reply: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Merry Christmas!





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