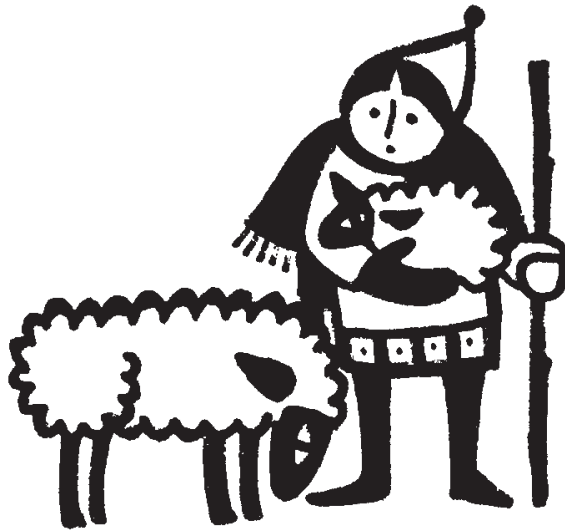


Saint James' Episcopal Church

**Family Christmas Pageant
and Holy Communion**

December 24, 2022



*Let us go to Bethlehem
and see this event
which the Lord has made
known to us*

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

Ruth Poole, in memory of Bob Poole.

Katie Cunningham, in memory of Jim Cunningham, Joan Roberts,
Dorothy Balderston, & Genore Schaaf.

Mary Frances Leopold, in thanksgiving for Alyssa & Elizabeth.

Sylvia Ma, in thanksgiving for Eileen & Chris Ma,
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 &
Gail's brother, Merlin.

Bud and Pat Spalding, in thanksgiving for the Spalding Family.

Ralph and Lynn Locher, in thanksgiving for their family,
and in memory of their parents.

Bruce Roberts, in memory of Joan Roberts.

Barbara Johnsen, in memory of Phil Johnson, Kathleen Reese,
Kay Buckley & Stanley Nicolaison.

Margaret Broun, in thanksgiving for her family & friends,
and in memory of Bob Bell, Marnie Hartmann,
Joan Roberts, & Bill Dalgliesh.

Bob Doherty, in memory of his parents, Jack & Mary Doherty.

Lauren Doherty, in memory of her mother, Beatrice Mettasick,
and her brother, Lawrence Windham.

Don and Marilyn Rose, in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Greg and Elaine Miller, in thanksgiving for their grandchildren,
and in memory of George & Gary Miller and
Yolanda & Carlos Vallecillo.

Darcia and Gregg Feeney, in thanksgiving for their family.

Brian Cochran, in memory of Kathy Cochran Searcy.

Nancy Castaneda, in memory of her parents, Ted & Dorothy Balderston.

Charisma Pangilinan, in memory of Santiago Pangilinan.

Jasmine Reynolds, in memory of Clinton Shirley.

*Rose Hoffman in memory of Brad & Frank.
Debbie and Bob Blodgett, in thanksgiving for her family & friends.
Bev Mosier, in memory of Bill Mosier.
Al and Mary Casas, in thanksgiving for their family & friends.
Byron Bader, in memory of Michael "Buddy" McGuire.
Barbara Vacchieri, in memory of her parents, Albert & Eleanor Gutierrez.
Alice Johnson, in memory of Melvin Johnson.
Jan Brandt, in thanksgiving for her family & friends.
Michelle McFadden, in memory of Willard & Joan Young.
Mike and Jan Scrutton, in memory of Tricia Eaton & Nora Scrutton.
Lori Walton and Ron Larson, in thanksgiving for Josie & Lou.
Patty and Robert Lacy, in memory of Regina Dennie.
Betts Stroh, in thanksgiving for the Glory of God.
Kaethe Langs, in memory of her mother.
Sally Morgan, in thanksgiving for her family and friends,
and for all of the nurses who cared for her.*

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 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.**

The Children's Pageant
God and Gabriel: A Sacred Story and the Building of the Crèche
please be seated

Reading: Luke 2:4-7
Mary and Joseph arrive

Remain seated and sing verse 1, O Little Town of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight*

Reading: Luke 2:9-25
The Shepherds and Angels come to the stable

Remain seated and sing verses 1 & 2, The First Noel

*The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

Reading: Matthew 2:1, 9-11

Wisemen arrive at the stable

Remain seated and sing verses 3 & 4, The first Noel

*And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took it rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

Reading: Isaiah 9:6

All children welcome to join the tableau

Remain seated and sing verses 3 & 4, The first Noel

*Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

The Blessing of the Children and the Nativity Scene

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.

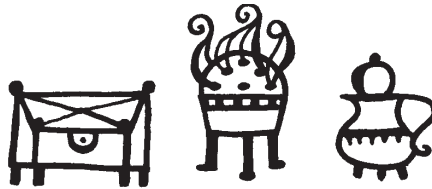
And may the angels remind us of the amazing news
of the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

Amen.

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

the Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

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 communion host after intincting (dipping) it into the wine. If you prefer to not have the host dipped into the wine, simply hold your hand up in front of you as a sign to the priest.

You may also come up for a blessing instead of receiving communion; cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

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.*



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

Presider: Let us pray.
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.
People: **This day and evermore. Amen.**

The Presider blesses the people.

please remain standing and join in singing Joy to the World!



*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

The Presider dismisses the People.

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