

The Blessing

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

Hymn in Procession Hark! the herald angels sing Hymn 87

Postlude In dulci jubilo *Bach*

Christmas Flower Dedications

The Christmas flowers in the church are given to the Glory of God by:

Art & Barbara Bayer in memory of *our parents, Charles & Muriel Dockendorf and Joseph & Henrietta Bayer, and sister, Nancy Bayer*

Charlie and Terry Bassett in memory of *Jonathon, BeBe and Dingpa, Clay, David, Bill and Dot, Marilyn, Judy Cabaniss, MiMi Dansereau*

Charlie and Terry Bassett in memory of *Al McCoy, Sandra Spencer Keith, Harold Glidden, Clark Jones, Dick Charles, Joe Gravlee, Zea Williams*

Charlie and Terry Bassett in thanksgiving for *Stefan, Kari, Farrah Joy & Baxter Glover, and Ruth Bassett*

Cathy Brumback & Louis Patterson in thanksgiving for *our daughters, Ally and Catie*

Cathy Brumback & Louis Patterson in memory of *Click Brumback, Theo Patterson & Louis Patterson, Jr.*

Doug Carter in memory of *James Carter*

Lisa & Doug Carter in thanksgiving for *Trey & Kate-Lanier Carter*

Betsy Hunter Coleman in memory of *Gavin "Gee" Hunter & The Hempstead family*

Betsy Hunter Coleman in thanksgiving for *Kit Hunter & Steve Coleman*

Charles R. Davis in memory of *Marcia Yates Davis*

Elaine Estefan in thanksgiving for *the Altar Guild members*

Elaine Estefan in thanksgiving for *the St. James staff*

Bruce & Judith Fahlberg in thanksgiving for *our wonderful children and grandchildren*

John & Nancy Falck in memory of *J.T. & Blanche Greene, Jimmy Greene, A.W. & Emma Falck*

John & Nancy Falck in thanksgiving for *Karen, Gerry, James, Jordan, Emma Machree & Mary Eden Marlowe*

Meghan Frazier Fancher in memory of *Lyn Frazier*

Lyn & Chris Fogarty in memory of *our parents: Ann & Al; Mary & Bernie*

Mike and Pam Foreman in memory of *Rachel Marie*

Stefan Glover in memory of *the following youth: Jonathon, Stella, Jamie, Connie,*

Gee, Jim, Meagan, Dixon, Clint, John, Christian, Chris, Alexander, Kliner,

Lauren, Michael, Keldrick, Stephen, Jon Michael

Glenda, Joseph, and Ben & Jill Gravlee and Elizabeth & John Ladd in memory of *Joseph Frank Gravlee, Jr.*

Glenda Gravlee in thanksgiving for *my loving family, Elizabeth & John, Joseph*

Roger, Leslie, Crane, Charlotte & Virginia Guilian in memory of *Susan Guilian*

Roger Guilian in thanksgiving for *my beautiful wife and children*

Elizabeth & John Ladd in memory of *John F. Ladd, Jr.*

Jay, Anne, John & Elizabeth McEniry in memory of *Jack McEniry, Mr. and Mrs. William Leader & Mr. & Mrs. J. H. McEniry*

Jay & Anne McEniry in thanksgiving for *John and Elizabeth McEniry*

Jay & Laura Pace in memory of *Bradley Mixon Pace*

Jay & Laura Pace in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Alfred K. Seibt*

Jay & Laura Pace in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. John W. Pace, III*

Nancy & Allan Rowe in memory of *Baby Adlyn & Ralph*

Nancy & Allan Rowe in thanksgiving for *all our grandchildren*

Charlotte Shewmake in memory of *Burrel Shewmake*

Charlotte Shewmake in thanksgiving for *Amanda, Ben, Charlotte, & Caroline Codding*

Charlotte Shewmake in thanksgiving for *Allison Shewmake*

Jeanie & Maclin Smith in thanksgiving for *Maclin, Sarah, Maclin & Steele, David, Catharine, David, Flynn & Mary Ross, and Wilson & Natalie*

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Bruce B. Stone in memory of *Clara Melton Stone, Mary V. Stone, Sr., Jack D. Stapleton, Gladys Hicks Burke, & Marcus Earl Stone*

Bruce B. Stone in thanksgiving for *Bruce Braxton Stone, Jr.*

Effie & Ty Thompson in thanksgiving for *our children, Gracie and Wright Thompson*

Cathie & Bob Walton in memory of *Mrs. Junia Chant, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother.*

Cathie & Bob Walton in thanksgiving for *our dear children: Rebecca & Neil, Robbie & Katie, Sarah & Ty and our precious grandchildren: Elaine, Michael, Anna, Saylor Ann & Easton*

Alice & Philip Webb in memory of *Ruth and Henry Hill*

Alice & Philip Webb in memory of *Willie Mae Jenkins*

Joy Wilson in thanksgiving for *the Foreman family—Pam, Mike & Bryant*

Joy Wilson in memory of *Lisa Wilson Mercer*

Mary J. Woodham in memory of *Sam R. Woodham*

Gil & Randal Wright in thanksgiving for *our St. James family*

Gil & Randal Wright in memory of *Jane Rickards Hopkins and Marjorie Louise Wright*

Gilbert F. Wright in memory of *Noel and Virginia Wright*

Randal Hopkins Wright in memory of *Arvah and Becky Lou Hopkins*

An Invitation to Visitors

We wish a warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us here at St. James. If you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out the visitor's card located on the end of each pew. You may place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or a member of the clergy following the service. Please join us again on Sundays at 7:30, 9:00 or 11:00 am.

Announcements

✦ **Celtic Harp and Guitar**—At the services of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, December 30 at 9 & 11 am, our music will consist of Celtic harp and guitar with Christmas carols.

✦ **Epiphany Feast of Lights**—Come hear through scripture and song, the story of how Christ's light becomes manifest in the world at our annual Epiphany Feast of Lights with Holy Eucharist on January 6 at 5:00 pm. A light supper will follow in Green Hall.

✦ **Preschool Enrollment** for 2019-2020 is currently open for St. James parishioners. Enrollment will be open to the public beginning January 1.

✦ **Parish Office Closed following Christmas**—The Parish office will remain closed following Christmas. We will be open from 10 am until 2 pm on Monday, December 31. There will be **no mid-week services on Wednesday, December 26 or Wednesday, January 2.** The office will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1. We hope you have a happy and safe holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 251-928-2912 and listen to the prompts.

✦ **End of Year Giving**—In order to be included in your 2018 tax return, contributions need to be received in the Parish office or postmarked by December 31. Jim Ketchum will be in the office from 10 am until 2 pm on December 31. If the door is locked, please leave your contribution in the drop box. If you need to see Jim Ketchum, ring the bell or call him at 251-928-2912.

✦ **Mark your 2019 Calendar for the Annual Meeting**—St. James' annual meeting will be Sunday, January 13 following an abbreviated 11:00 am worship service. We will elect 4 new vestry members.

✦ **Parish Breakfast**—The next Parish breakfast will be on Sunday, January 13. Please make a note that this is NOT the usual first Sunday of the month.

St. James Episcopal Church

A community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others

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St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Four o'clock

Monday, December 24, 2018

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Choral Prelude

God rest ye merry gentlemen

London Carol

'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Huron Carol

A stable lamp is lighted

Andujar

Ah diamond bright *from the Tale of the Three Trees*

Pote, Long

Venite adoremus

19th c. Carol

Hymn in Procession O come, all ye faithful Hymn 83 vs 1-4

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

Gloria Angels we have heard on high Hymn 96 vs 1&2

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you bear? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Collect for the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The people sit.

First Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 96: 1-3, 9-12 *chanted by the congregation & choir*

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| 1 Sing to the Lord a new song ; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth . | 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity ." |
| 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name ; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day . | 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it ; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein . |
| 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples . | 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes , * when he comes to judge the earth . |
| 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness ; * let the whole earth tremble before him . | |

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

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.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Angels, from the realms of glory Hymn 93, *vs 1 & 2*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 2:1-20

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!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

The Sermon The Reverend De Freeman

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People Form III BCP 387

The people stand or kneel. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence.

The Peace *The people stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem Ding Dong Merrily on High *French Carol, arr. Artman*

The Doxology *Congregation & Choir*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

Sanctus Hymn *S-130

Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are from the service music section at the front of the Hymnal.

The people kneel.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem Hymn *S-154

The Invitation

All are welcome and encouraged to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please come forward and an usher will guide you to the altar rail. Those unable to kneel, may stand. To receive the bread, place your hands together; help the chalice minister guide the wine chalice to your lips. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest, after you receive the bread. It is appropriate to remain at the rail until the next person has received, then return to your seat by way of the side aisles.

The Ministration of Communion

The Communion Hymns

In the bleak winter

Carols sung by all present:

Joy to the world! Hymn 100 *vs 1 & 2*

O little town of Bethlehem Hymn 79 *vs 1-3*

Go tell it on the mountain Hymn 99 *vs 1 & 2*

Away in a manger Hymn 101

Once in royal David's city Hymn 102 *vs 1-3*

What child is this? Hymn 115

The acolytes will begin lighting the candles at the end of each pew. Please light the candle of the person next to you.

Postcommunion Prayer *The people kneel.* BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn Silent night Hymn 111

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, heav'nly 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!