



ST. JAMES' CHURCH
MADISON AVENUE AT 71ST STREET

9:10 AM



Good Shepherd, Kelly Latimore, 2019

Holy Eucharist

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • NOVEMBER 28, 2021

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Whether you have been here often or never before, the rest of the congregation is blessed by your presence and prayers among us. Please join in bolded responses and in singing the hymns from the blue *Hymnal 1982*. All are invited to stand, sit, and kneel as they are able.

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Worship, education, and formation is offered for our youngest parishioners every Sunday! See the enclosed insert to learn more about today's programming.

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Zachary R. Thompson
PREACHER	The Rev. Eva N. Suarez
ASSISTING CLERGY	The Rev. Brenda G. Husson, The Rev. James H.B. Morton III
LAY SERVER	Ann French Trumbo, Victor Garcia-Bory
MUSICIANS	The St. James' Canterbury Choir, Dr. E. Davis Wortman II, Loraine Enlow, Stephen Tharp
FLOWERS	The flowers that adorn our Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold Lefko, Anthony Dryden Marshall, Barbara Richards Michel and Andrea Dickson Wells and in thanksgiving for Harriet Lefko and Carol Lefko.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

RECTOR'S GREETINGS

INTROIT & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come!
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child
of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son,
eager now his race to run!

Thus on Earth the Word appears,
gracing his created spheres;
hence to death and hell descends,
then the heavenly throne ascends.

Come, O Father's saving Son,
who o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be;
grant that we its glories see.

—*Martin Luther, after Ambrose of Milan; tr. Wm. Reynolds & James McCrady*

AT THE PROCESSION *standing, sung by all*

Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

MERTON

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

— *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence reflection is kept.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom, yet we remain divided and enslaved by sin.

Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness, yet we turn away from you and resist your will for our lives.

Christ, have mercy.

People

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people.

Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent.

Lord, have mercy.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People

Amen.

TRISAGION *sung by all, repeated three times*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a key of B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first two lines of the Trisagion. The second system contains the final line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The music consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

Setting: *The Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible, OT p. 572

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice

and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, sung by all*

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -
lu - ia, al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse Show us your mercy O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.

Psalm 85:7

To honor the teachings of Jesus, the people turn to face the Gospel.

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eva N. Suarez

After a period of silent reflection, all stand and say

already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Asst. Priest In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

Leader We pray for [N.], and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

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

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

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

Leader Give to [N.] and all departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

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

Your prayers are invited, either spoken aloud or silently.

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY

Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit stjames.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
brings words of peace and salvation;
who brings good tidings of peace.

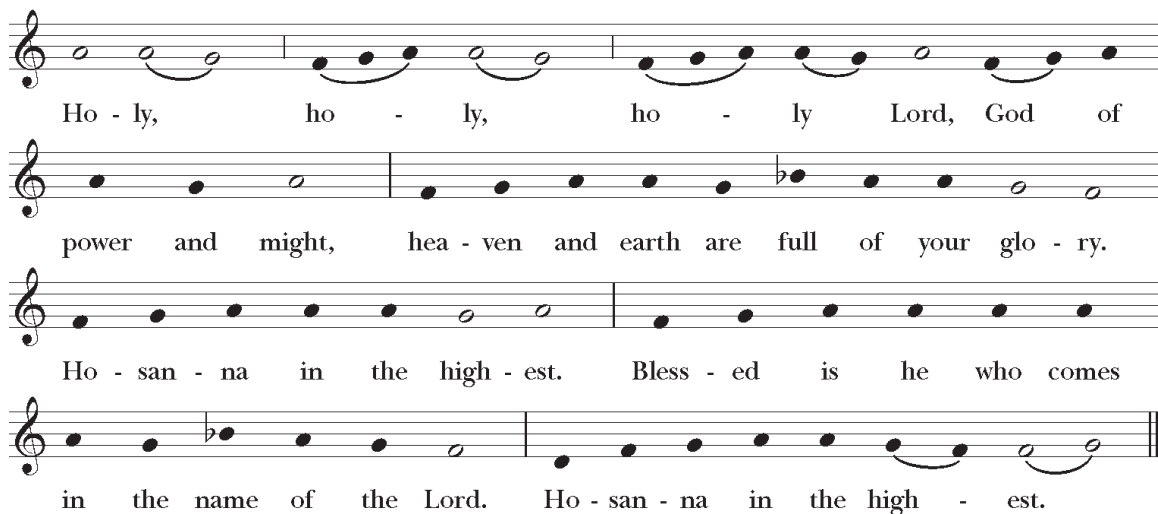
John Carter

Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
For the Lord has comforted his people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

—Isaiah 52

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 AND BENEDICTUS *sung by all*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: *Plainsong; Mass 18*; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991))

The people kneel as the Celebrant continues

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."

People Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
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 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, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us, saying,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *sung by all*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: *Plainsong; Mass 18*; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991))

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Those who need a gluten-free host are invited to receive
from the priest closest to the pulpit.*

*All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion. A prayer
for Spiritual Communion can be found on the hymn sheet online. The Prayer Book
directs on page 457: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of
extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine,
the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received,
even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."*

AT THE COMMUNION *seated, sung by all*

Hymn 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Allison Sniffin

My Lord, what a mornin'
When de stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worl'y ways
Jine dat hebberly ban?

—*Traditional*

After Communion, the people stand to sing

Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns

ST. STEPHEN

GOING FORTH

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE ADVENT BLESSING

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Asst. Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

AT THE PROCESSION *sung by all*

Hymn 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

We are glad you joined us for worship. Please come back often.

If you desire Healing Prayer, please send an email with your name and telephone number to our Healing Prayer ministers at stjameshealingprayer@gmail.com, and they will call you on Sunday evenings between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. to offer confidential prayer.

Coming up in Advent

TODAY First Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

THU. DEC. 2 Advent Wreath Workshop from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 5 Second Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Village from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 12 Third Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant at 4:00 p.m.

TUE. DEC. 14 **Caroling** on Madison Avenue & Festive Reception at 5:30 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

FRI. DEC. 24 Christmas Eve

Christmas Music at 4:30 and 10:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Family Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons & Carols

10:30 p.m. Festal Eucharist

SAT. DEC. 25 Christmas Day

Festal Service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

SUN. DEC 26 First Sunday after Christmas

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 10:00a.m., 6:00 p.m.
