

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*January 12, 2025
Pageant and Holy Eucharist
1st Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord*

Welcome! If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome. If you are with us on Zoom and would like more information about our parish, please send the Zoom Usher a chat message, or email office@stjamesvt.org with your name, where you're from, and your email address. On Zoom, please keep microphones muted for most of the service. If you are reading a lesson or adding a prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself, then mute yourself again. In person, sitting distances may be observed as possible and masks may be worn. Please be mindful of the comfort of others.

Prelude: Prelude on "Greensleeves"

– Richard Purvis

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Collect of the Day

All are invited to say the collect together

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

All say together

The Saint Helena Breviary

O God in heaven, who at the baptism in the River Jordan proclaimed Jesus your Beloved One and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into the name of Jesus may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Pageant: "How the Maji Truly Became Wise" by The Rev. Donnel O'Flynn

Today the Pageant takes the place of the remainder of the Liturgy of the Word.

The narrator will announce the singing of hymns, and all are invited to sing at these times.

As with gladness men of old

Hymnal 119, verses 1-2

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

We three kings

Hymnal 128, verses 1-4

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.

Refrain

O ————— star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

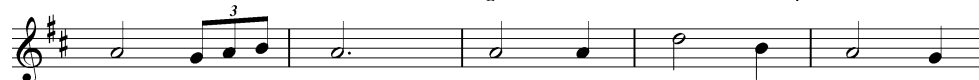
Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

The king of love my shepherd is

Hymnal 645, verses 1-2



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed



1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

Prayers of the People

Deacon

Wondrous God, in thankfulness and confidence we lift our hopes and needs to you in prayer as we say, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Raise up church leaders whose lives are centered in the love of Christ and whose hearts yearn for justice and peace. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Ministry and work of VIA (the Vermont Interfaith Action), JUMP, and Cathedral Square Corporation; and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People *hear our prayer.*

Enter into the hearts of those with authority in our nation that they might work for the good of all people and bring about a world where enemies are reconciled and conflict ceases.

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People *hear our prayer.*

Inspire this assembly through the inbreaking of the Spirit in our lives that our faith may be bolstered and our commitment to the gospel mission renewed.

Silence

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People *hear our prayer.*

Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world that we might be good stewards and develop sustainable practices so that nature's abundance might be available to all future generations. We give thanks for Adelyn Ophardt who celebrates a birthday this week.

During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers of thanksgiving to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People *hear our prayer.*

Bring healing to the sick and hurting, mend the fractured and broken, grant hope to the fearful and anxious, and grant peace and the knowledge of your love to all people, especially Grace; Kristen; Marie; Foster Borch; Dave Leahy; Dave; David; Laurie Rheame; Pat Anderson; Lesley; Neil Eklund; Becca and Eloise Dourmashkin; Steve; and Melissa as she recovers from eye surgery. We pray for California and all those effected by the fires.

During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers of intercession to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love and welcome us into the resurrection alongside all your saints, especially Kevin O'Connor, brother of Heather Frugoli.

Silence

During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers for the dead and for those who mourn to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes with the following collect

Hear our prayers and grant our desires as may be best for us and in ways that show forth your grace and mercy. All this we ask through our only advocate, Jesus, who is the Christ and lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

If you are in person, please feel free to share the peace with those near to you. Please be mindful that some may want a "touchless" peace. In this case, the peace may be shared in various ways such as the prayer to heart position. Please be mindful of others' need to keep distance. On Zoom, please either open your microphone to share the peace aloud or visually give a sign of peace or share your peace in the chat box.

Liturgy of the Table

Presider

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and make good our vows to the Most High.

The people's offerings are gathered and brought to the altar by the ushers to be offered to God. All stand as able.



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had
 2 (With - in a lodge of) bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was
 3 (The ear - liest moon of) win - ter - time is not so round and
 4 (O chil - dren of the) for - est free, the an - gel song is



fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent
 found, a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en -
 fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the
 true; the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is



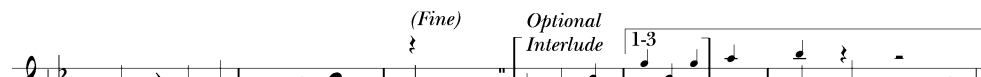
an - gel - choirs in - stead; be - fore their light the
 wrapped his beau - ty round; but as the hunt - er
 help - less in - fant there. The chiefs from far be -
 born to - day for you. Come kneel be - fore the



stars grew dim, and won - dering hunt - ers heard the hymn:
 braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:
 fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.
 ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



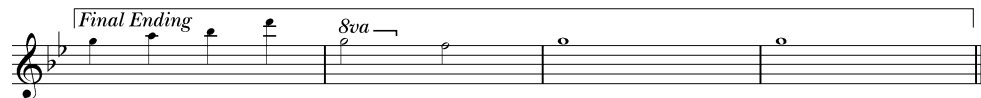
Refrain
 Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is



born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.



Optional Interlude
 1-3
 2 With - in a lodge of
 3 The ear - liest moon of
 4 O chil - dren of the



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Great Thanksgiving – Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

Presider 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 our thanks and praise.

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

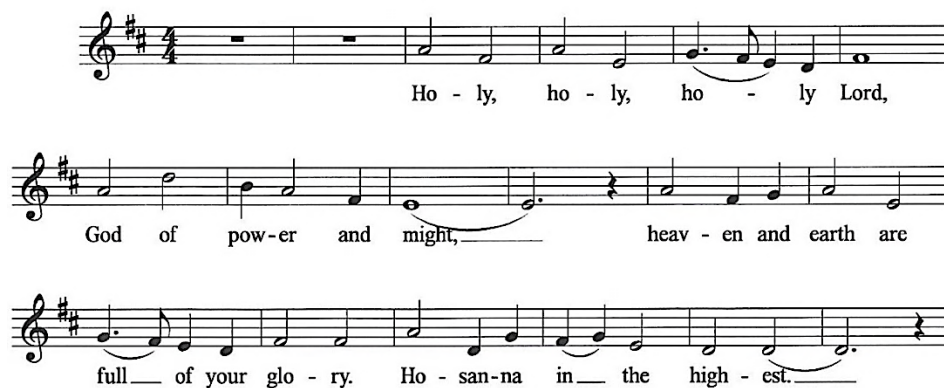
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Presider and People

Sanctus

Kim Hardy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
 the sacrifice of his life,
 and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us,
 Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
 “Take, eat:
 This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
 Again, he gave thanks to you,
 gave it to them, and said:
 “Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Sung three times

We break this bread to share in the Bo-dy of Christ.

We who are man - y are one bo-dy, for we all share in the one bread.

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The Presider invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

and adds

All are welcome at God's table.

A moment of silence is observed.

Ushers will guide the congregation to communion. Please come forward to receive communion at the step. We receive communion in both kinds, bread and wine, using a Pouring Chalice and individual cups. If you would like to receive wine, pick up a communion cup in the tray on your right as you approach the steps and leave your empty cup in the other tray as you return to your seat. If you are unable physically to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Please also let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise - man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

Postcommunion Prayer

All stand as able.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

Community Announcements

Prayer for a Sabbatical Time

Presider

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being: We pray that you guide and bless Carol and Clinton during this intentional sabbath time. May it be restful. May they find new adventures and joys. Safeguard them as they travel. May they return to St. James restored in body, mind and spirit. We also pray that you bless this parish and all who come here. May we continue to carry out with joy the ministries to which we are called, including our musical ministries. Help us to be open to the future and attentive to whatever new things you desire for us to learn.

All

By your Spirit, empower us all to be strengthened by the gifts you give and renewed as servants of God. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

All stand as able. The priest blesses the people

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Deacon then dismisses the people

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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Postlude: Go Tell it on the Mountain

- arr. by Mark Hayes

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And please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*



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IN OUR PRAYERS

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We pray for those who have died and those who mourn: for Kevin O'Connor, brother of Heather Frugoli, and for their family and friends as they mourn.

Birthday: Adelyn Ophardt, January 17

ST. JAMES CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, January 15 at 4pm (new date/time pending): Worship Team meeting

Thursday, January 16 at 6:00pm: Constellation Vision Team meeting

Sunday, January 19 after the service: Budget meeting

Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30pm: Vestry meeting

Sunday, January 26 after the service: Annual Meeting

For more details or a more complete calendar,
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