

# St. James' Episcopal Church LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

# CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY PAGEANT

&

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 24, 2024 3:00 P.M.

Founded in 1812

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME TO ST. JAMES'

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here, we're glad to have you join in our praises of God today. We hope you will feel comfortable here and fulfilled, and strengthened spiritually to meet the challenges of your daily life.

#### NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

# Children are always welcome in worship!

If needed, Nursery care is available during the **3 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.** The Nursery is located through the front left doors of the sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs – the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen.

In response to feedback, we decided to move Children's Formation to the 10 AM hour. Children should arrive between 9:45 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. in the upstairs preschool classroom. Look for signs in the Narthex to guide you to the correct location! All children Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome. If you arrive late, please go ahead and join us! Children will return to the service before Communion.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ONLINE Sundays, 8:00 a.m. Rite I

Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Rite II (live-streamed)

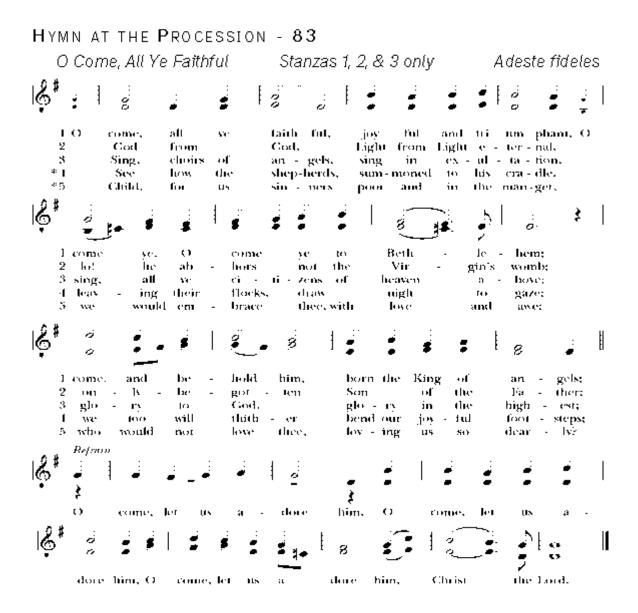
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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

Musical Selections by St. James' Children



#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes again in glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

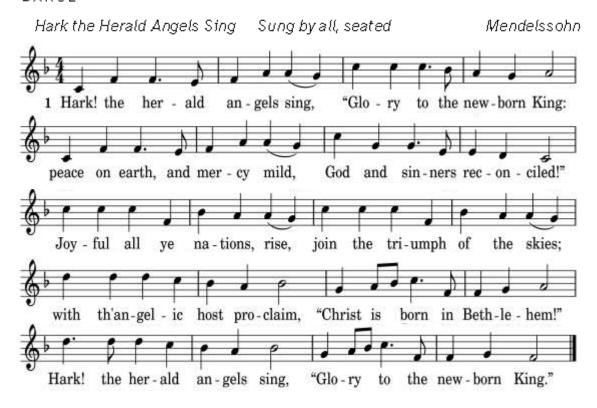
## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

# Readers:

Taylor Morris
Marshall Sutton
Michael Sutton
Amelia Whelband

# Scene One: The shepherds

#### CAROL

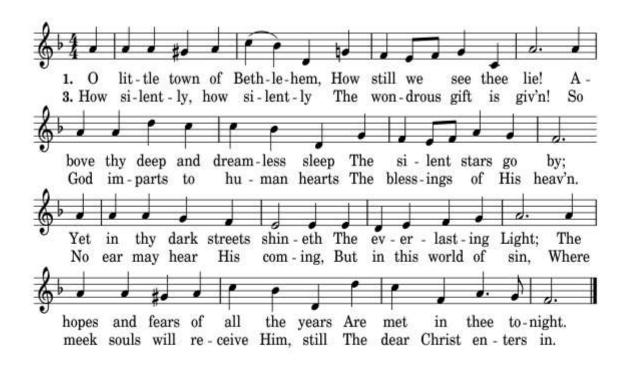


## Scene Two: The Angels

# CAROL

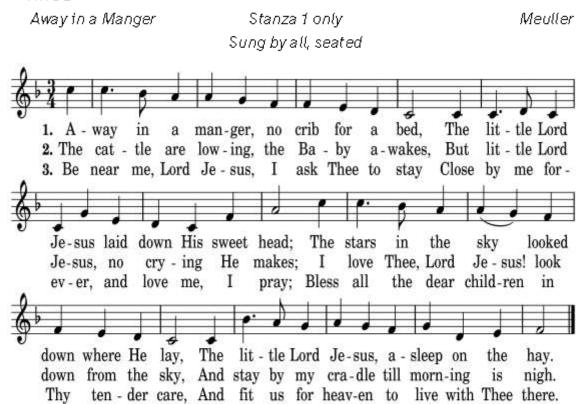
O Little Town of Bethlehem Stanza 1 only Sung by all, seated

St. Louis



# Scene Three: The Baby Jesus

#### CAROL



Scene Four: The Good News

#### CAROL:

HYMN - 99

Go Tell It On The Mountain

African American Spiritual

Sung by all, standing

#### REFRAIN

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go Tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

REFRAIN

# THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

# And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

## WELCOME VISITORS!



Please fill out a visitor card found in your pew row or follow the QR code to our digital visitor form so we can get to know you better. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. We are so glad you chose to worship with us today.

#### THE OFFERTORY



The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support St. James' work of sharing God's love with the world. You may now make your offering by scanning the QR code on the left.

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing Noel Children's Choir Based on the African song "Banuwa"

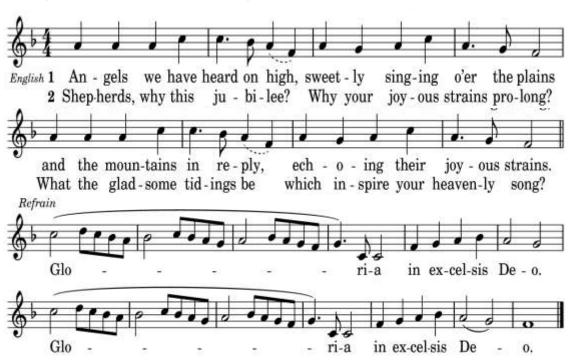
Sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel! Sing we all noel!

The children are invited to sit with their families

# HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 96

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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 Mary and Joseph and 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, O God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Alleluía, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

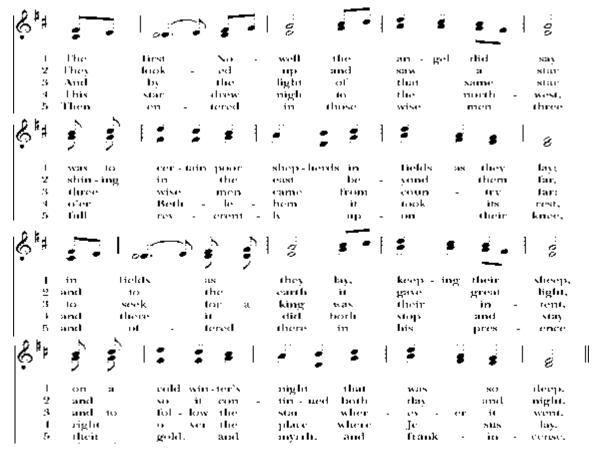
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The people are seated.

CAROLS AT THE COMMUNION

#### The First Nowell

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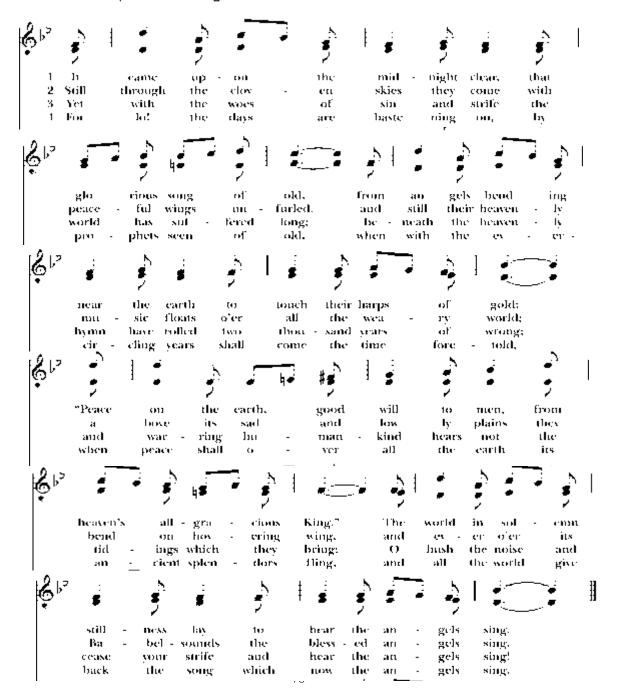


6 Then let us all with one accord sing proises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life bath hought.



# It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Carol



# HYMN - 99

# Go Tell It On the Mountain

# African-American Spiritual



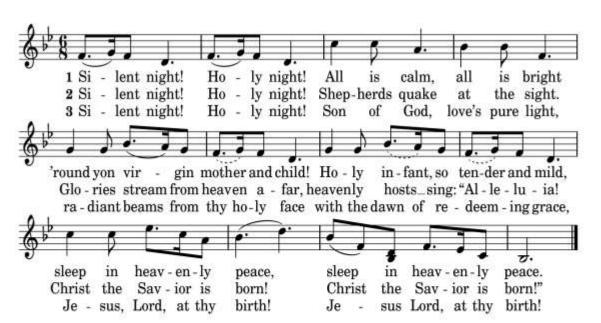
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling or standing.

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.

HYMN - <mark>111</mark> Silent Night

Stille Nacht



THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people and the people respond AMEN.

Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.

# HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 100



THE DISMISSAL

The minister says the dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Organ

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The Clergy and Staff give thanks to Rachell Newell, Kim Carren, and all the volunteers for their work in preparing this year's pageant.



## PRAYER REQUEST'S

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: \*Kathleen Greenough, Katie B. Sullivan, \*Steve Page, Neil Gwinn, Charlotte Giblin, Ruth Ann Fox, Timothy McKimmie, \*Harold Neely, \*Charlotte Woods, and \*Rachelle Graves.

THOSE ON OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Virginia Cogger, \*Michael Fabian, Stephanie Kreuger, Trudye Pember, The Porter family, Ralph Dale, Dwayne Traylor, Brayan Cruz, Jefferson Zapata, \*Michael Dowling, Darrell Ackman, Kaleb Cortes, Peter Schweitzer, Joan Douglas, \*Joan Corderman, Martha Burton Huie, Skip Hovsmith, Adam Gedney, Tony Beltrano, Pat, Emily, Mary Ellen Hurley, \*Barbara Roark, \*Fran Smith, Nicholas Rodney, Ed, \*Scott Clark, \*Pam Mossburg, Virginia Laughlin, and \*Alice Lynn.

# Those who have died: Sandra Beall

Those who NEED OUR PRAYERS: All those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, for the lives lost and that God will sustain them for the recovery ahead, for all those across the globe who suffer the effects of natural disasters; for those who continue to be affected by COVID-19 and for protection of the most vulnerable through the coming flu season and cold weather; for those who are unemployed or underemployed; for those who suffer acts of violence around the world, especially for Ukraine and for the Holy Land; and those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

#### THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING OUR WORSHIP SPACE WERE GIVEN BY

- Fiona & Rob Ahrweiler in memory of our beloved parents and in thanksgiving for beloved family and friends
- Chase & Trevor Banks in thanksgiving for our children David & Michael
- Pete & Dina Bessa in thanksgiving for our friends and family, especially Luke, Maddy, Sophie & Will
- Jeff & Dottie Brannock in memory of Thomas, Elsie & Rick Brannock, John & Rose Emerick; and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Joseph & Maddie

Jonathan Coate in memory of Thomas Coate

- The Doty family in memory of their father & grandfather William Sprecher
- Mary Frances & James Forcier in memory of John Forcier, Anne Watson, Pearl & James Donley, and Nancy & Guy Forcier
- Edgar Hatrick in memory of Betty Hatrick and in thanksgiving for family & friends

Cindy & Tom Holdsworth thanksgiving for Vera & Theo

Perry & Rachel Holdsworth in thanksgiving for Theo Holdsworth

Shaun & Dave Hov in memory of Carolyn & Loren Hov; and Barbara

& Frank Smith

- John & Missy Jennings in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren and to the glory of God
- Lois & Jerry Krumwiede in memory of Barbara Dombrowski, Polly Clemens, George Durfey, & Dean Korpan

Chris Lafferty in thanksgiving for my family

Anita McDonough in memory of Frank Smith

Susan & Page Moffett in memory of our parents, siblings, and thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren

By the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in memory of Lucille & Lawrence Muse

Terry & Kimberly Prevost in thanksgiving for their children, Olivia, & Sterett

Jennifer Ramsburg in memory of Charlie Ramsburg, and Karen & Nick Nicholson

Adam Rodríguez in memory of Calvin and Marion Towne
Barbara Taylor in memory of Bruce H. Taylor

Lyndsay Welsh & Winston Chamblin in memory of their grandparents Tunis Campbell, and Ross & Eleanor Welsh; and a dear family friend Yolanda Vaucher-Moody

## RECTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Will resume January 15, 2025.

#### MEN'S SERVICE MINISTRY

Will resume January 6th, 2025

# CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Will resume January 6th, 2025

# GRACE TO GO

Will resume January 5th, 2025

# CHRISTMAS OFFERING

As is our custom, the collected offering at our Christmas services, if not designated as part of a pledge or other purpose, will be divided equally and donated directly to outside charities. This year, the Vestry has chosen three nonprofits as the recipients—Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun Free Clinic, and Mobile Hope.

Please take the time to learn about each of these charities and support them directly as you are able. Their needs are great, and we appreciate your gifts and prayers as they do important work in our community and world.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The St. James' Church Offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holidays from December 23 – January 1. For pastoral emergencies, please call (202) 750-4247.



# ST. JAMES' VESTRY ELECTION

All St. James' communicants in good standing are invited to vote for their top 4 nominees by scanning the QR code or picking up a ballot in the Narthex. The deadline has been extended to **Monday, January 13**. The final slate of

4 candidates will then be presented to the parish for an official election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2.



# STEWARDSHIP 2025: WALK IN LOVE

Many thanks to all those who have made a pledge for 2025! We are 85% closer to funding the ministries and mission of our beloved parish in the year ahead. If you haven't done so, please consider making a pledge before the end of the year. No amount is too small. You may pledge online by



scanning the QR code or filling out a pledge card in the Narthex. Thank you for Walking in Love with your St. James' Family.

# **BAPTISM SUNDAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

St. James' will be offering the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, January 12 at the 10:00 a.m. service. If you're interested in being baptized or having a child baptized, please email info@stjameseleesburg.org or call 703-777-1124.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 27 Winter Break Play Date Parish Hall
- **December 29** First Sunday after Christmas 5th Sunday Family Service 10:00 a.m.

# December 25- January 1 - CAMPUS CLOSED

- January 12 First Sunday after Epiphany; "Baptism of our Lord" and Baptisms
- January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr Day Campus Closed

# SERVING THIS TODAY AT 3:00 P. M.

3:00 P.M.

ACOLYTES THERESA SWAIN

TAYLOR MORRIS

MARSHALL SUTTON

MICHAEL SUTTON

AMELIA WHELBAND

Jeff Brannock

CHASE BANKS

Dottie Brannock

LEMs

USHERS

Wayne Newell

JAMES WHELBAND

ELAINE NUNNALLY

Margaret Akers

SCOTT BRILES

CONRAD BRILES

CYNDI KEESE

RAY LONGO

MKE SCOTT

A/V LEAD RAYMOND JONES

ALTAR GUILD

MARGARET AKERS, KAY GREGG, PEGGY RUST,

JUDY PERSO, JOANNA EDRINGTON

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2024

#### 24 TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service \*

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

#### 25 WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### 26 THURSDAY

8:30 p.m. AA - Parish Hall

# 27 Friday

10:00 a.m. Winter Break Play Date - Parish Hall

# 29 SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor

10:00 a.m. Children's Formation

10:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday Family Service\*

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor

## \* Live Streamed



#### ST. JAMES' LITURGICAL TEAM

#### The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin

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#### Adán Cortes

Lead Sexton

## Gustavo del Callejo

Sunday Sexton

#### ST. JAMES' VESTRY

# OFFICERS

Scott Briles, Senior Warden Tony McGraw, Junior Warden Jane Roth, Register Stacy Cleveland, Treasurer

# CLASS OF 2022-2025

Scott Briles Kathleen Greenough Troy Harry Melissa Sutton

## CLASS OF 2023-2026

George Garlick Candy Hayes Trudy Gross Ray Longo

# CLASS OF 2024-2027

Sarah Bauer Jeff Brannock Tony McGraw Tricia Sauer

# LAY DELEGATES

Dottie Brannock George Garlick Jane Roth (alternate)

# IN NEED OF PRAYER; IN NEED OF CARE?

"In case of illness, the minister of the congregation is to be notified."

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453

If you need pastoral care or prayer please let us know!

If you are in need of pastoral care, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or use the resources below:

THE CHURCH OFFICE
(M-TH, 9AM. TO 5 PM., FRI 9 AM TO 2 PM)
(703)777-1124

AFTER HOURS PASTORAL CARE LINE (202)750-4247

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Name(s):	
Details (Optional):	
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Do you need Pastoral Care (a visit, a phone call, etc.)? Tyes N	lo
Can we send you a card? Yes No	
Address:	
Would you like to set up a time to talk with one of our clergy?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
Phone number:	
Comments:	

