

*Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
&
Sacramental Rites of Confirmation & Reception*



November 19, 2023

9:00 am

*Saint James' Episcopal Church
Skaneateles, New York*

Welcome to St. James'! Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are so happy to worship with you today!

For the benefit of those who wish to pray, please enter the Sanctuary quietly.

Feel free to fill out a pew card if are a newcomer or have a prayer request. You can drop it in the alms basins later in the liturgy.

Everything you need to follow our worship can be found in your bulletin and on the screens.

Prelude: Veni Creator Spiritus

Michel Corette (1707-1795)

Welcome

All stand as able.

Evening Hymn 632

Munich

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

The Opening Acclamation

*Bishop
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit.
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
People **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

All are seated for the Readings.

First Reading

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

After the Reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter

Psalms 90: 1-8, 12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."**
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Second Reading

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

After the Reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the song and remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn, LEVAS 136

Assam

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, —
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low, —
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, —

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 3. — The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, —

— No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back! —

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Gospel is proclaimed with these words:

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is concluded with:

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

All are seated at the invitation of the preacher:

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe
XI Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York

The Presentation & Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

The Candidates come forward and are presented by the Priest.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will!**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have committed their lives to Christ and are embarking on this new leg of their spiritual journey, and let us pray that we may all be renewed and restored for our walk with Jesus.

The Prayers

Intercessor Awaken them to their need of you in their lives;
People **And you will give us all your life.**

Intercessor Move them with sorrow for the sorrow of the world;
People **And you will make us all strong through our tears.**

Intercessor Give them humility to admit their failures;
People **And you will bring treasure out of us all.**

Intercessor Make them hungry for justice;
People **And you will give us all food that lasts.**

Intercessor Help them to see others through your eyes;
People **And you will show us all our true selves with Love.**

Intercessor Show them how to practice what they preach;
People **And we will all see you in every face we meet.**

Intercessor Support them in standing firm for Truth, even when it costs;
People **And the Truth will make us all free.**

The Bishop prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The People are seated, and the Candidates kneel before the Bishop, who lays hands on each and prays.

For Confirmation:

Bishop Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *she/he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *she/he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

For Reception:

Bishop *N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

For Reaffirmation:

Bishop *N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ in his kingdom. Amen.

All stand as the Bishop concludes with a Prayer, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People are seated.

Announcements

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
Interim Rector, St. James' Church

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward. The People and Ministers recognize and bless them.

All **May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. Amen.**

An offering is collected to help support the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Anthem: Now Thank We All Our God (from BWV 79, *Gott der Herr ist Sohn und Schild*)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

All stand for the presentation of the gifts.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology (Hymnal # 380, verse 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Recognition of Kids Communion Class

The Priest introduces the children who participated in Kids Communion Class in October.

The children come forward, and the Bishop offers a special blessing.

The children remain at the altar during the Prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Bishop prays the Proper Preface then continues.

Bishop Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing the Sanctus (S-125 in the blue Hymnal).

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All remain standing as the Bishop recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall, and the redemption of the world by Christ.

After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Bishop Therefore according to his command, O Father,
All **We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.**

The Bishop prays that the gifts and people may be sanctified and blessed by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer the People respond in a loud voice 'AMEN.'

Bishop
All

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

All sing the Confractorium

All

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Bishop invites the People to share in the Communion of our Lord.

All those who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to come forward. The Bishop or Priest will place the Bread in your hands. You may eat the Bread and drink from the common Cup, or you may leave the Bread in your hands and have the Minister dip the Bread in the Wine for you before handing it back.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish you receive for any reason, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing.

During Communion, Prayer Ministers are available at either end of the altar rail to pray with anyone who is in need.

Music During Communion

Hymn 504
Hymn 440

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire
Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

When all have received, the Bishop and other Ministers return to the Holy Table for the final prayer and blessing.

Bishop
All

Let us pray.
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.

The Bishop retrieves her miter and crosier for the Pontifical Blessing.

Bishop
People
Bishop
People

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
The maker of heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
From this time forth forevermore.

Bishop

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing 680

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Postlude: Fanfare on *St. Anne*

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Participants in the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart
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Intercessor	Larry Webster
Lector / Eucharistic Minister	Carrie Chantler
Eucharistic Minister	Carol Murphy
	Sr. Marie Patricia Hughes
	Debra Rose Brillati
Ushers	Earl, Connie & Amy Tuttle
Confirmands	Paige Posecznick
Recipients	Michael Larkin

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