



St. James' Episcopal Church

A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day

Prelude: Pastoral Symphony (from *Messiah*)

Georg Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome

Opening Hymn 83 (v. 1, 3, 6)

O come, all ye faithful

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.
The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

First Reading

Isaiah 52: 7-10

After the Reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter

Psalms 98 (BCP, p. 727)

Second Reading

Hebrews 1: 1-4

After the Reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 106 (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn

The Holy Gospel

John 1: 1-14

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

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

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

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor Incarnate God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Offertory Hymn 93

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

The Presider continues until the Sanctus (S-130 in the Hymnal).

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. (x2)**
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (x2)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

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

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father:
People **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

The Presider continues, and the Prayer is concluded with a loud, AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 Presider gives the final blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Closing Hymn 87

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond, "Thanks be to God"

Postlude: In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)