

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ



*St. James' Episcopal Church
Skaneateles, New York*

*January 7, 2024
9:00 am*

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.

The Congregational hymns can also be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew rack.

Prelude: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Welcome

All stand as able.

Hymn at the Opening 117

Morning Star

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Gloria in Excelsis, LEVAS 241 (see pew card)

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.'

All are seated for the readings.

First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

After the Reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.**
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

After the Reading:

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

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

Sequence Hymn 92

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

The Gospel is proclaimed with these words:

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

The Gospel is concluded with:

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

All are seated at the invitation of the preacher:

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James Corl

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able.

All **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 worshipped 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

After each petition:

Intercessor Light of the world;
People **Hear our prayer.**

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

The Confession & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept. All may kneel or solemnly bow.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider offers the Absolution and bids the Peace.

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

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

Those celebrating birthday 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 St. James' mission of sharing Christ's love in with the world. For more information on how you can help, go to www.stjameskan.org/support-st-james or by clicking the QR Code on the back of the bulletin

Offertory Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

All stand for the presentation of the gifts and join in the hymn.

Hymn at the Presentation 124, verse 5

Puer nobis

**To God the Father, heavenly Light; to Christ, revealed in earthly night;
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust, and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace
People **By his blood he reconciled us. By his wounds we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All join in singing the Sanctus (printed on the pew card)

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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People continue standing as the Presider prays for God to bless and sanctify the People's gifts.

After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People proclaim the Memorial Acclamation.

Presider Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

The Presider recalls God's work in creation and through our ancestors and prays that the People may be blessed and sanctified by God. The Presider and People then pray:

Presider Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

When the Presider concludes the prayer, the People loudly respond, "AMEN!"

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

All **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. All sing the Confractorium (printed on the pew card)

Choir Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

All **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Choir The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

All **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Choir One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

All **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion.

All those who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to come forward. The Presider 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.

Hymns During Communion 128

We Three Kings

After all have received Communion, the Presider returns to the Holy Table.

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Hymn at the Closing 119

Dix

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

Postlude: Epilogue on Dix

William Harris (1883-1973)

Participants in the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. James Corl
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart
Organist/Choirmaster	Justin Oei
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Michael Larkin
Asst. Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny
Media Engineer	Scott Hobin
Intercessor	Debra Rose Brillati
Lector	Steve Osborne
Crucifer	Dave Palen
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr. Marie Patricia Hughes
	Carol Murphy
	Wendy Osborne
	Bev Smith
Ushers	Earl, Connie & Amy Tuttle

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