

# SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fresno, California

January 3, 2021

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

1:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Ancient Text



*Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.*

*Revelation 21:3*

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## VISION

We are seeking God's place for us in the world by abiding in Christ, following His teaching, discerning His will, and staying committed to godly fellowship and our Anglican heritage.

## INFORMATION

Website - [www.stjas.org](http://www.stjas.org)

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## SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

1:30 pm Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
Meeting at: Campus Bible Church courtyard  
222 E. Fountain Way  
Fresno, CA 93704

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday  
8:00 am - Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist  
1300 East Shaw Ave., Suite 174  
Fresno, CA 93710

# The Holy Eucharist:

*Please stand after an opening Scripture is read.*

**Prelude**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

**Processional: Angels From the Realms of Glory Hymn # 93**

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: *[Refrain]*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: *[Refrain]*

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear: *[Refrain]*

## **The Acclamation**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.*

*The Celebrant:* Blessed be God: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

## **The Collect for Purity**

*The Celebrant prays (and the people may be invited to join).*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly Love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Summary of the Law**

*The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

***Kyrie:*** (Merbeck)

*The Celebrant and people may sing or pray together once or three times.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria            Angels We Have Heard on High            Hymn # 96**

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherd, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

*Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.

*People*                         And with your spirit.

*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored,  
the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life  
of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lessons** (*Holy Scripture is from the English Standard Version. The Psalm is from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Ed.*)

*Please be seated.*

*After each Reading, the Lector may say,  
People may respond,*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **The First Lesson**

## **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the LORD."

**Psalm 84** *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How lovely are your dwellings, \*  
O Lord God of hosts!
- 2 My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the  
Lord; \*  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a  
nest where she may lay her young, \*  
even your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they who dwell in your house; \*  
they will be always praising you.
- 5 Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, \*  
in whose heart are your ways,
- 6 Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well; \*  
indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.
- 7 They will go from strength to strength, \*  
and the God of gods shall be seen by them in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, our defender, \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 10 For one day in your courts \*  
is better than a thousand;

11 I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God \*  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defense; \*  
the Lord will give grace and honor, and no good thing shall he  
withhold from those who live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

*"Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen*

### **The New Testament Lesson**

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who

is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Gradual:            Of the Father's Love Begotten            Hymn # 82**

Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the Source, the Ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race;  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore him:, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing:  
Powers dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be,  
honor, glory, and dominion  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore!

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying,  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## **Gospel**

## **Matthew 2:13-23**

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more. But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose

and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says  
People*

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

## **Sermon – Fr. Dale Matson**

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten 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  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 bidding there is a time for the Clergy and People to add their own prayers, silently or aloud. The Celebrant says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

*The Deacon or appointed person says*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop; and Eric, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, for blessings upon Campus Bible Church and Pastor Jim Cecy, for the Lord to lead us in unity to the place He has for us, let us pray to the Lord.

*Aloud or Silent*

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, and for our missionaries and especially Stephen, Peter and Silvia, and Brad and Sue, let us pray to the Lord.

*Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, for all in public service, and for Donald, our President; Gavin, our Governor; and Lee, our mayor of Fresno and Drew, our mayor of Clovis, let us pray to the Lord.

*Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially those on our Intercessory Prayer List,] let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

*Intercessory Prayer List:*

Rita Nitschke	Cancer	Judy Johnson	Cancer
Pr Arlynne Turnquist	Strength	Uma Chand	Cancer
Gladys Avakian	Healing	Lauren	Psychotic episodes
Suzy Gazlay	Strength & Healing	Kathy Willson	Strength
Rance Quercia	Strength, faith & peace		
Daughters of the Holy Cross			

Please pray for new leaders for our youth/young adults.

Please pray for a new leader for the PPP/HTP ministry team.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially \_\_\_\_\_] in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Aloud or Silent*

Reader            Lord in your mercy.

People            Hear our prayer

I ask your thanksgivings for \_\_\_\_\_.

Reader            Lord in your mercy.

People            Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

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 Absolution**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Comfortable Words**

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## **The Peace**

Celebrant                      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People                         And with your spirit.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Offertory

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.*

*The People stand while the offerings are presented.*

*If a doxology has not been sung, the following may be used.*

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**Offertory Hymn: Unto Us a Boy Is Born**

**Hymn # 98**

Unto us a boy is born!  
The King of all creation,  
Came he to a world forlorn,  
The Lord of ev'ry nation.

Cradled in a stall was he  
With sleepy cows and asses;  
But the very beasts could see  
That he all men surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled:  
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"  
And all the little boys he killed  
At Bethlehem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came  
So long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame  
Unto the joys above us.

Unto us a boy is born!  
The King of all creation,  
Came he to a world forlorn,  
The Lord of ev'ry nation.

### *Doxology*

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

### *Need Prayer?*

Prayer is available during Holy Communion time in the prayer area and after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in a red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.

### *Receiving Holy Communion*

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion. If you choose not to receive, please indicate by crossing your arms and you will receive a blessing.*

## **The Sursum Corda**

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

Celebrant                      The Lord be with you.

People                              And with your spirit.

Celebrant                      Lift up your hearts.

People                              We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People                              It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### *The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The following or a Proper Preface is said*

*The Celebrant concludes*

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:

**The Sanctus** (*Hurd*)

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Celebrant and People*

**The Prayer of Consecration**

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here\* may break the bread; 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 that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,\* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do

this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith. (*Celebrant and People*)

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to **Say:**

*Celebrant and People together pray*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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 Fraction**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Celebrant                    [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
People                        Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season.*

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and People together may say*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## **Agnus Dei** (*Hurd*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

### **The Ministration of Communion**

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*or this*

*Celebrant*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

*Celebrant and People*

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.  
John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

*or this*

*Celebrant and People*

Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People. The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, The bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

## **Communion Music In the Bleak Midwinter Hymn # 112**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

*The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together*

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or a seasonal blessing*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*A hymn, psalm or anthem may be sung after the Blessing (or following the Dismissal).*

## **Dismissal: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime'    Hymn # 114**

Twass in the moon of wintertime  
When all the birds had fled,  
That God the Lord of all the earth  
Sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim  
And wondering hunters heard the hymn:

*Jesus, your King, is born;*

*Jesus is born!*

*In excelsis gloria!*

Within a lodge of broken bark,  
The the tender babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin  
Enwrapped His beauty round:  
And as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
The angel song rang loud and high:

*Jesus, your King, is born;  
Jesus is born!  
In excelsis gloria!*

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair  
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.

The chiefs from far before him knelt  
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

*Jesus, your King, is born;  
Jesus is born!  
In excelsis gloria!*

O children of the forest free,  
The angel song is true;  
The Holy Child of earth and heav'n  
is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant boy,  
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:

*Jesus, your King, is born;  
Jesus is born!  
In excelsis gloria!*

*The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.*

*The People respond* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Postlude: Go Tell it on the Mountain**

# Welcome Visitors!

We are so pleased that you are here with us!

## An Anglican Catechism

<http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/catechis>

### Question of the Week

#### **How is God like earthly fathers?**

Like all loving and sincere earthly fathers, God loves, teaches, and disciplines us, observing our needs and frailties, and planning for our maturity, security, and well-being. (*Psalms 103:12-14*)

### Requests for Assistance from St. Stephen's Fund

To request assistance from the Companions of St. Stephen's Fund, please call the church office at (559) 222-3721 during business hours or call Jeanine Werner at (559) 875-2465.

#### Birthdays

Marion Velez

Anne Young

Ann Duncan

Nicholas King

Cheri Risch

Jennifer Fahrenbacher

Oliver Okonkwo

#### January 3-9

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#### Anniversaries

## ST. JAMES' CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Eric Menees, Bishop

Fr. Carlos L. Raines, Rector

The Rev. Anthony Velez, Priest

The Rev. Dr. Dale Matson, Priest

The Rev. Anna Hearn, Deacon

## ST. JAMES' STAFF

Dr. Margaret Licon, Organist and Choir Director

Carol Raines, Interim Music Facilitator

Christina Pestana, Parish Administrator

Mary K. Leonard/Susan Sanders, Office Assistants

## VESTRY MEMBERS

Kevin Gunner	323-4481	Rector's Warden
Dave Russell	297-0480	People's Warden
Rachel Cowart	801-8408	
Pat Sanders	348-3183	
Barbara Brotsis	275-7587	
Dave Russell	297-0480	
Paula Velez	255-2310	
Armando Ruiz	803-2249	
Margaret Polacek	269-0743	Church Treasurer

## **St. James' Mission Statement**

We will fulfill our Mission by focusing on:

1. Teaching the whole counsel of God through liturgical worship and devotion to prayer and praise.
2. Offering gifts and talents expressed in relationships.
3. Small Groups.
4. Building a relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.
5. Making disciples for outreach to the valley and to the world.
6. Caring ministries and Communion for those unable to attend.
7. Reaching out to youth.

## **Prayer**

Prayer is available during Holy Communion at a side area. Look for someone in the red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.

Daughters of the Holy Cross prayer chain - Kathy Willson: 981-0513  
or Valerie Norman-Shaul 299-9149.

## **This Week at a Glance**

### **Monday – Friday**

8:00 am - Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

## **Wednesday:**

7:00 pm – Men's Group at Jerry Gorman's, 5419 E. Lane, Fresno 93727

## **Thursday:**

6:00 am - Prayer and Praise – Church Office Chapel

## **Sunday Services:**

1:30 pm – Campus Bible Outside Courtyard 222 E. Fountain Way  
or Live stream Website: [stjas.org](http://stjas.org) or Facebook