

SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fresno, California

December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve

The Nativity of our Lord

8:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Ancient Text



Behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10, 11

St. James' Anglican Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 am Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Church Office, 1300 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 174

1:30 pm Family Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Campus Bible Church, 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.

Christmas Carols

Booklet

Proclamation: O Come, All Ye Faithful

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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)

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law.

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

Gloria in Excelsis:

Angels We Have Heard On High

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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, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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, The Word of the Lord.
People may respond, Thanks be to God.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in

blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! *
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the Lord when he comes, *
 when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
 and the peoples with his truth.

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 Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Vs. 1 All**Vs. 2 Women****Vs. 3 All****Vs. 4 Choir only****Vs. 5 Men****Vs 6 All**

Then all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel**Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is

born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon: Fr Carlos Raines

Choir: Es Ist Ein Ros, *Michael Praetorius*

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 for Christina, Aimee, Stephen, Peter and Sylvia, 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 Arlynn Turnquist	Strength	Uma Chand	Cancer
Gladys Avakian	Healing	Rebecca Mackey	Depression
Suzy Gazlay	Strength & Healing	Daughters of the Holy Cross	
Rance Quercia	Strength, faith & peace	Kathy Graveline	Cancer

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all 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 Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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

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 (*Schubert*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, 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 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, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness 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 Sing
Celebrant and People together pray*

The Lord's Prayer (*Malotte*)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever.
Amen, 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 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 (*Willan*)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy 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 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

Come to the Stable, *Gary A. Cornell*

Choir

Post Communion Hymn

How Sweet Is Love, *Michael Paget*

Choir

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.

Procession to the Creche:

Away in the Manger

Away in the Manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld his glory.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as He humbled Himself to be clothed with our humanity so we may be found worthy, in him, to

be clothed with his divinity: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him,
bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness or sin, and brighten

your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal: Joy to the World Page # 31

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata in F Major Op. 157, Dietrich Buxtehude

Announcements

Christmas Morning Service

**10:00 am in the Chapel at our church office at
1300 E. Shaw Avenue #174, Fresno, CA 93710**

The church office will be closed on

December 26th , 27th , and on Jan. 1st.

**There will be no Morning Prayer Service from
December 26th through January 3rd.**

Morning prayer will resume on January 6th.

**The Staff of St. James' Church wishes all of you a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

