



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Christmas Eve:
Holy Eucharist with Candlelight Carols**

~ Part 1 of online Bulletin ~

**December 24, 2022
10:00 pm**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

10:00 pm Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Marian King
<i>Eucharistic Servers</i>	Alvin Lindo, Yvette Verdieu
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Michael Burriss, Jane Hirschi
<i>Usher</i>	Rachel Evans
<i>Videographer</i>	Michael Anthony

Words of Welcome

The Lighting of the Lantern

Antiphon

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Presider You, O Lord, are my lamp:

People My God, you make my darkness bright.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The lantern is lit in memory of the first service ever held at St. James's Mission on the evening of Christmas Day 1864. "It was a typical Christmas Day. The weather was fine and cold, the sleighing good, and the skies were brilliant with the stars," writes the Rev. Edward Abbott. The leaders arrived at Atwill's Hall which was where the community gathered at that time and they found that the pulpit and lectern had not been delivered. And so they sent two young men on a sleigh to race to Boston to get those pieces of furniture. The furniture was installed in time but then the gas stopped and there was no light or heat. So, they turned on a stove for heat and lay leaders went racing to their homes to find other sources of lighting. They returned and their "kerosene lamps shone brightly" at that first service of St. James's Episcopal Church.

Carol Sing

Carol: What child is this

H 115

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Music: Greensleeves, English Melody, harm. Christmas Carols New and Old Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Carol: Hark! the herald angels sing

H 87

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Felix Mendelsohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Anthem: Psallite
Adult Choir

Text and Music: Michael Praetorius

Carol: In the bleak midwinter

H 112



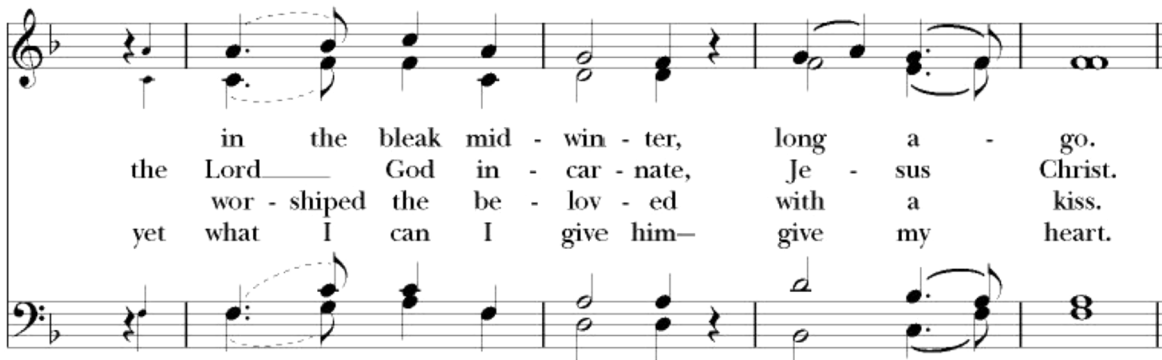
1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throug - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Carol: Winds Had Blown

Sung by the Choir

Winds had blown,
seeds were sown,
through the earth was still.
Parents prayed,
Donkeys brayed;
Air felt crisp and chill.

Refrain

This night like each one before
Holds a mystery, rich in store:
New life from the old life grows
And overflows.
From below, love!
love also above!

Shelter found,
common ground,
simple feeding place;
food for some,
birth for one,
Sharing sacred space. (*Repeat refrain*)

Far from home.
shepherds roam,
pasturing their sheep;
choirs at night,
Sing the Light-
music rich and deep. (*Repeat refrain*)

Night-time flies–
baby's eyes
greet the dawning day;
rising sun,
dark undone–
life is on the way. (*Repeat refrain*)

Hymn: The first Nowell

H 109 (vss. 1-3)

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words and Music: English Carol, 18th cent, harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

Carol: Once in royal David's city

H 102 (vss. 1,2,5,6)

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the
1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6 Cecil Alexander, St. 3 Music: Irby, melody H. Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. A. Mann (1850-1929)

Carol: That boy-child of Mary

MHSO 70 (vss. 1-3)

That boy-child of Ma - ry was born in a sta - ble, a man-ger his

Fine

cra - dle in Beth - le - hem. —

1	What	shall	we
2	His	name	is
3	How	can	he
4	Gift	of	the
5	One	with	the
6	Glad	- ly	we

call him, child of the man - ger? What name is
 Je - sus, God ev - er with us, God giv - en
 save us, how can he help us, born here a -
 Fa - ther, to hu - man moth - er, makes him our
 Fa - ther, he is our Sav - ior, heav - en - sent
 praise him, love and a - dore him, give our - selves

giv - - en in Beth - le - hem?
 for us in Beth - le - hem?
 mong us in Beth - le - hem?
 broth - er in Beth - le - hem?
 help - er in Beth - le - hem?
 to him in Beth - le - hem?

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Carol: He came down

1 He came down that we may have love; He
 2 He came down that we may have peace; He
 3 He came down that we may have joy; He

1 came down that we may have love; He came down that we may
 2 came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may
 3 came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may

Cantor: Why did he come?

1 have love; Hal - le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.
 2 have peace; Hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 3 have joy; Hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

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