

**St. James Episcopal Church  
Batavia, New York**

*Advent*



*Preparation ~ Hope ~ Joy ~ Love*

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

*Welcome to St. James!*

*Instructions for standing, sitting and kneeling are in the bulletin. Please engage in these as you are comfortable and able. We regularly use two books in our worship:*

*The Hymnal (blue) and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) (red).*

***Please join your voice to the hymns and the prayers printed in bold.***

Welcome and Announcements

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Those appointed process to the place of the wreath in the front of the sanctuary and light the first candle, **The Candle of Hope** and say:

The candle of hope we light in this hour  
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.  
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,  
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand.

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Entrance Hymn *The King shall come when morning dawns*

Hymnal 73

Opening Sentences

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Trisagion

Hymnal S-100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
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## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

### And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Qui regis Israel*

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Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**The Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and

knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Sequence Hymn** *Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

Hymnal 68

**The Holy Gospel**

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Deacon Diana Leiker

*Please stand.*

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## **The Nicene Creed**

**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 worshiped 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**

*Deacon:*

As we keep awake for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who stirs up strength and comes to help us.

*Intercessor:*

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For William our bishop and all bishops, for the priests, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth. We pray for those who seek and guard the peace.

**Epecially Alex, Mason, Craig, Eric, Kasey, David, Paul, Roger, Ken, Tyler, Brandon, Leah, Michael and Jake. Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For our friends and families.

**Epecially Tim, Matt, Glenn, Aiden, Carol, Fern, Carter, Carla, Erik, Sally, Diana, Alexander, Tom, Susan, Casey, Cathy, Shirley, Dorothy, Danielle, Larry, Jane, Lucas, Arlene, Jykilla, John and Trinity. Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord, our God.**

*Presider:*

O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one, come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. **Glory to you for ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The deacon bids us to confession:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

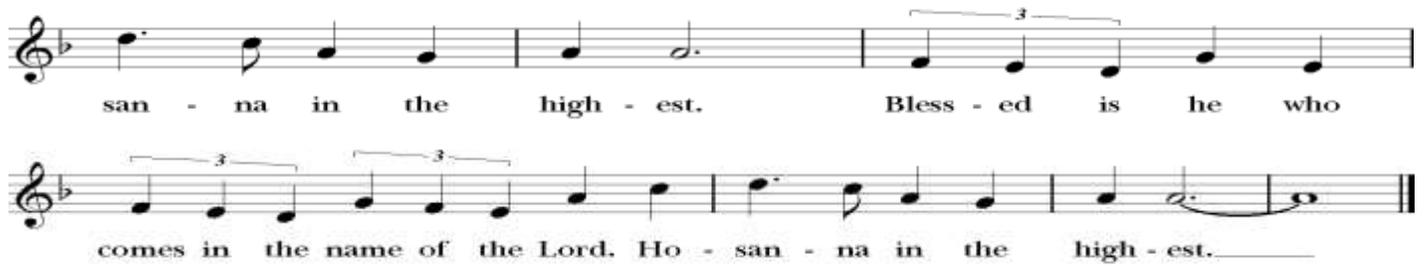
*A period of silence is kept.*

**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 alone stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**





*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

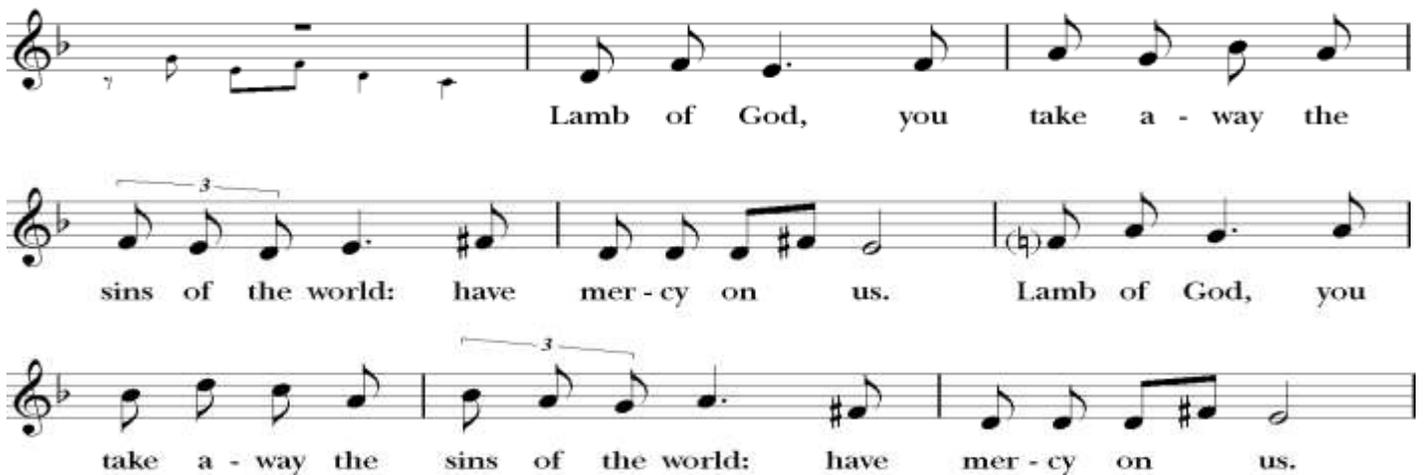
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-163



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

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.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion,  
Mother Bonnie will be at the chantry altar for prayers of healing.*

### Communion Hymns

*Lord, Prepare Me*

“Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.”

*Seek Ye First*

Hymnal 711

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia!”

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descendg*

Hymnal 57

*Once he came in blessing*

Hymnal 53

Let us pray.

**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 Blessing**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **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.**

**A Hymn to go Forth** *Sleepers, wake*

Hymnal 61

**Dismissal**

*Our deacon will dismiss us first in Japanese and then in English.*

Kami no I wo wakachi I mashi.

Go into the world sharing God's love.

**Thanks be to God** *(Please respond in your own language).*

**Postlude** *'Noël Ecossais'*

Alexandre Guilmant

**Please take a copy of the December Newsletter home;  
it contains the announcements, calendar and schedules  
for the month of December.**



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**Sunday Worship Service:**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Weekday Services**

**Wednesday, 11 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**The Second Tuesday of the Month, 2:30 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist at the Genesee County  
Nursing Home, 278 Bank Street, in the Mall Walk

**The Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 10:45 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist at  
The Manor House, 427 East Main Street, in the Grand Parlor

***Everyone is Welcome!***

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