

about our worship

Every Sunday we meet in person for worship and live stream our service on our Facebook page for those who are not yet comfortable coming into public spaces. Join us in person or on our Facebook page at St. James' Lake George for

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 9:00 am

Morning Prayer Monday thru Friday at 8:30 am

Please wear a mask when speaking, singing, or moving inside the church and observe 6-foot distancing for safety. **If you become sick after attending any of our services, please call or email us so that we can contact all who attended that service.**

WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Jay Mayer	Chuck Barton
Lay Reader	Bonnie Magno	Michele Hotko
Intercessor	Kit Huggard	Kim Barton

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2021

9:00 am

holy communion from reserved sacraments rite 2

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.
Please use this Service Leaflet along with your Worship Booklet
or Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

*In church: Please wear your mask for speaking and singing.
Please use the same hymnal throughout worship
and replace it in the pew rack before leaving.*

Processional: The first Nowell (vs 1-3)

Hymnal 109

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; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become 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 a 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 become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. 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 give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Psalm 84: 1-8

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- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place
of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19

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, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

Gradual: Brightest and Best (vs 1)

Hymnal 117

The Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the wise men who had come from the East had departed, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, 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.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Sermon

The Rev. Barb Mitchell, Deacon

Offertory Hymn: We Three Kings

Hymnal 128

Communion Hymn: Sing of Mary

Hymnal 277

Processional: The first Nowell (vs 4,5)

Hymnal 109

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the priceless gift of his Son.*

to keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray God's blessing and favor upon the Church in New Zealand, and for the Dioceses of Alabama and Alaska. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Bishop Bill and his family; and for the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Adam, Lane, Curtis, Laura, and James, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for God's protection, keeping, and blessing for all students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff for this school year.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Patricia, Jay, Vikki, Joan, Andy, Apryl, Marcia, Marion, Kevin, Megan, Todd, Ellie, Joyce, Stephen, Dana, Pam, Katherine, and Holly; and for all those struggling physically, emotionally, and financially as a result of COVID-19 as well as from the natural disasters that have devastated much of our country.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry as they lead St. James': Barbara, Jay, Bonnie, Jackie, Michele, and Mick.

We give thanks for James Wallace and Brittany Barton who celebrate birthdays this week.

welcome to worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. If attending in person, please give the usher your name, address, and phone number that we might welcome you with a note and contact you if the need arises. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* or *Our Daily Bread* from the bell tower window to use in your daily prayers.

read, mark, and inwardly digest

Wednesday Worship ... is suspended during the wintry months of January and February.

A Grief Share group meets on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact Deacon Barb for information.

Knit Wits meets both in person and on ZOOM each Tuesday at 4:30. Join us in the Vestry room or online. Contact Michele or Bonnie for the ZOOM link.

Next Sunday, January 10th: Mtr. Elizabeth Papazagloki will lead worship. Following the service, she will speak to the Vestry about our next steps in our search for a new priest. All are welcome to attend here or by ZOOM. Please contact Michele for the ZOOM link.

Next week's Scripture lessons to read ahead and prepare your heart for worship: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11 .