

# St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"*



*Baptism of Jesus  
Scott Lorenzo 1987*

## **The Baptism of Our Lord** **The First Sunday after the Epiphany** **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026** **(9:00 a.m. zoom Liturgy of the Word)** **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

*Children of every age are welcome here and are invited to join in the opening and closing processions. In the front of the church, on the left side, is a "soft space" where children can "be children" and watch the service up close. Canon Johnnie invites everyone who would like to assist with the final blessing to stand in place and at the mention of the Trinity, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to gently raise your right hand, palm up.*

***Please join your voice to the hymns and to the bolded portions of the liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer-BCP, red book in the pew.***

Prelude

*Wade in the Water*

Welcome and Announcements

*None of us are here by accident. God has called us into this space and at this time, because God is working in our lives – individually and corporately. Please know that God loves you regardless, just as you are, and that love is practiced here at St. James. Also know that it is God who invites you into the Banquet of the Lamb – A God who welcome us all!*

Opening Hymn 76

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Opening Sentences

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

The Gloria (*spoken at 9 am, sung at 10*)

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*A Reading from the book of Isaiah (42:1-9)*

*Anne Iannello*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God.**

*Psalm 29 (Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse)*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory  
thunders;\*

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of  
the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*

all are crying, "Glory!"

10 **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*

the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)*

*Barb King*

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and

healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 121      *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (3:13-17)*  
**Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon

*The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (*You are invited to stand as you are able.*)      BCP p. 358  
**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

Jim Ellison

*Presider:* Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, that our divisions may cease and we, as a unified Christian faith, may spread God's love to all people, in all places, and at all times. **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Kathy, our Governor, Donald, our President and all elected leaders. **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest,+ (*pause for names either aloud or silently*) **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those mentioned on our parish prayer list, and for those who we hold in our hearts, (*pause for names either aloud or silently*)

*Silence*

*Presider:*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem      *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      arr. R. Martin

Doxology      Old 100th

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Eucharistic Prayer B      BCP p. 367

The Sanctus      Hymnal S-130

The Lord's Prayer      BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread      Hymnal S-154

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for us, the beloved of God: Come to the Table of the Lord and be fed.

*All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. All people will receive communion (or a blessing) from the main floor at the top of the center aisle. We do this so that everyone may receive communion together, as one family. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.*

Communion Hymn 448      *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Communion Hymn 697      *My God, accept my heart this day*

Post Communion Prayer      BCP p. 365

**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

*Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing*

Closing Hymn 616

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Dismissal

Postlude

*Finale*

G. Young

**\*\*\*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.\*\*\***

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Doxology

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, If you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!*

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

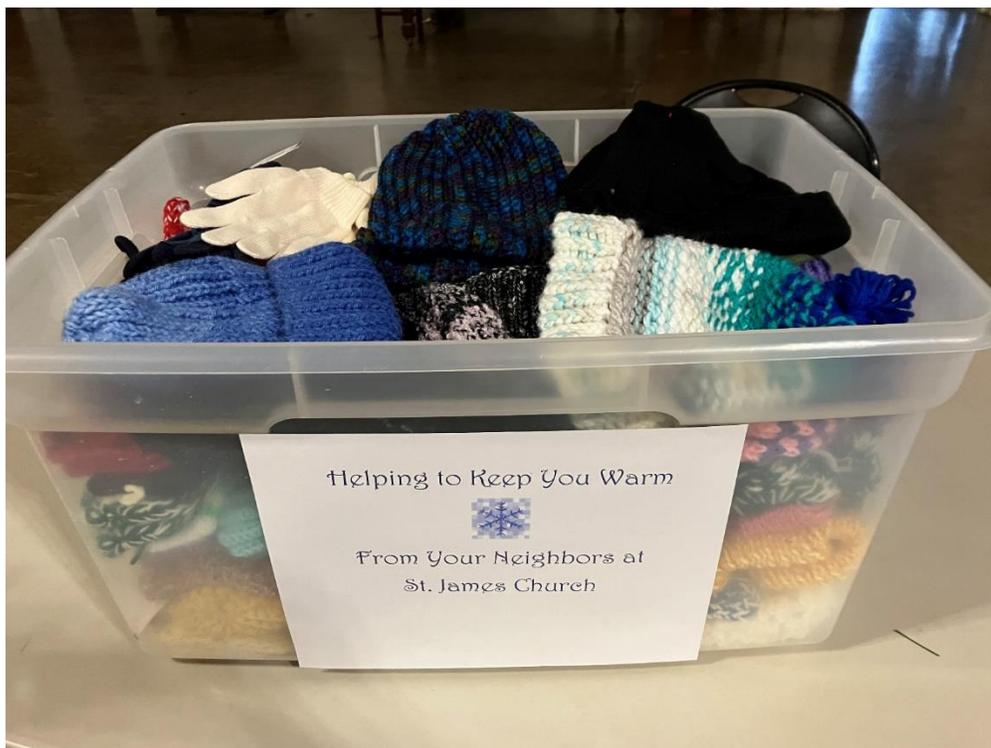
***Please take this bulletin home with you!***

**Please pray for those on our parish prayer List**

Ed, Debbie, Anne & Don, Paul, Peggy, James, Wayne, Angelique, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Judi, Kim, Devon, Tim, Jean, Diane, Tom, Rich, Jane, Pearl, Bob, Sue, James, Bill, Chad, Jeff, Shirley, Judy, Lucas, Owen, Savannah, Nancy, Greg, Grace, Roger, Terry, Russell, Kennedy, Harrison, Margaret, Lucy, Sue, Brian, Jim & Marsha, Janice, Cal, Beverly, Missy, Jolene, Mary Annette, Lois, Sharon, Melinda, Dane, Blake, Erica, Debbie and Kathy

**Christmas Angel Tree**

Once again your generosity was outstanding. The Christmas Angel Tree was covered in 60 hats and 44 pairs of mittens in children's sizes. Boxes full were delivered to two Batavia schools. Check out the pictures on our Facebook page.



## **RETRO PHOTO**



*In 1981, singer/song writer, John Fogelberg sang about the "Leader of the Band." Would anyone care to take a guess at who the band leader is in this Retro Photo?*

Who doesn't like to look at old photos, especially when they are of someone else? The use of a Retro Photo in the bulletin a fun and exciting way to better know each other. If you have a retro photo you would like to appear in the bulletin, please secretly submit it to Bobbi Jo at [saint.james2@sjecbatavianny.org](mailto:saint.james2@sjecbatavianny.org) or slip the photo to Canon Johnnie after the service. Make sure to identify the person(s) in the photo and how you would want original photos returned.

## **Blessing Box**

It's very cold outdoors, especially if you don't have the proper winter wear. The Blessing Box would like to be able to supply some needed clothing. We welcome donations of adult sized hats and gloves. Just drop them off in the basket in church

**St. James Calendar**  
**Happy Birthday**

Susan Best 1-14

Sun, January 11	9:00 am - 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

Mon, January 12	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tue, January 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wed, January 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	10:00 am	Canon Johnnie in office
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thu, January 15	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
	5:00 pm	Advent Book Study
Fri, January 16		Office closed
Sun, January 18	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15	Coffee Hour

**Zoom meetings use the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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**First time here?**

We welcome you and hope you have felt that welcome! If you'd like to learn more about St. James, please contact our priest, Canon Johnnie at [canonjohnnie@gmail.com](mailto:canonjohnnie@gmail.com), (859)285-9361, or call the office. Keep in touch, if you wish to be added to our mailing list fill out this form and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

*Bathrooms are located up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*

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Name

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Other family members

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**Here at St. James You are Welcome Regardless!**

## Lay Minister January Schedule

	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25 LOW
Officiant	Canon Johnnie	Canon Johnnie	Canon Johnnie	Terry McGuire
Chalice 1	Deacon Diane	Jo-Ann Bestine		Jo-Ann Bestine
Chalice 2	Jim Isaac	Jim Isaac	Terry McGuire	
Acolyte	Kim Isaac	Kim Isaac	Jo-Ann Bestine	
Lesson 1 & Psalm	Joan Ellison	Anne Iannello	Liz Findlay	Barb King
Lesson 2	Lily Bringenberg	Barb King	Anne Iannello	Terry McGuire
Prayers of the People	Jim Neider	Jim Ellison	Jim Neider	Larry Belluscio
Ushers/Greeters	Bill Coughlin Jane McKeehen	Anne Iannello Jane McKeehen	Anne Iannello Jane McKeehen	Bill Coughlin Jane McKeehen
Building Attendant	Larry Belluscio	Larry Belluscio	Larry Belluscio	Larry Belluscio
Opener-Closer	Jo-Ann	Liz	Tim	Dorian
Live Streamers	Kevin Skelton	Kevin Skelton	Kevin Skelton	Kevin Skelton
Church School		Judy		Judy
Altar Guild	Kathy Belluscio Debbie Barone June Myers	Bill Coughlin Carol Queal Anne Iannello	Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman	Kathy Belluscio Debbie Barone June Myers





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