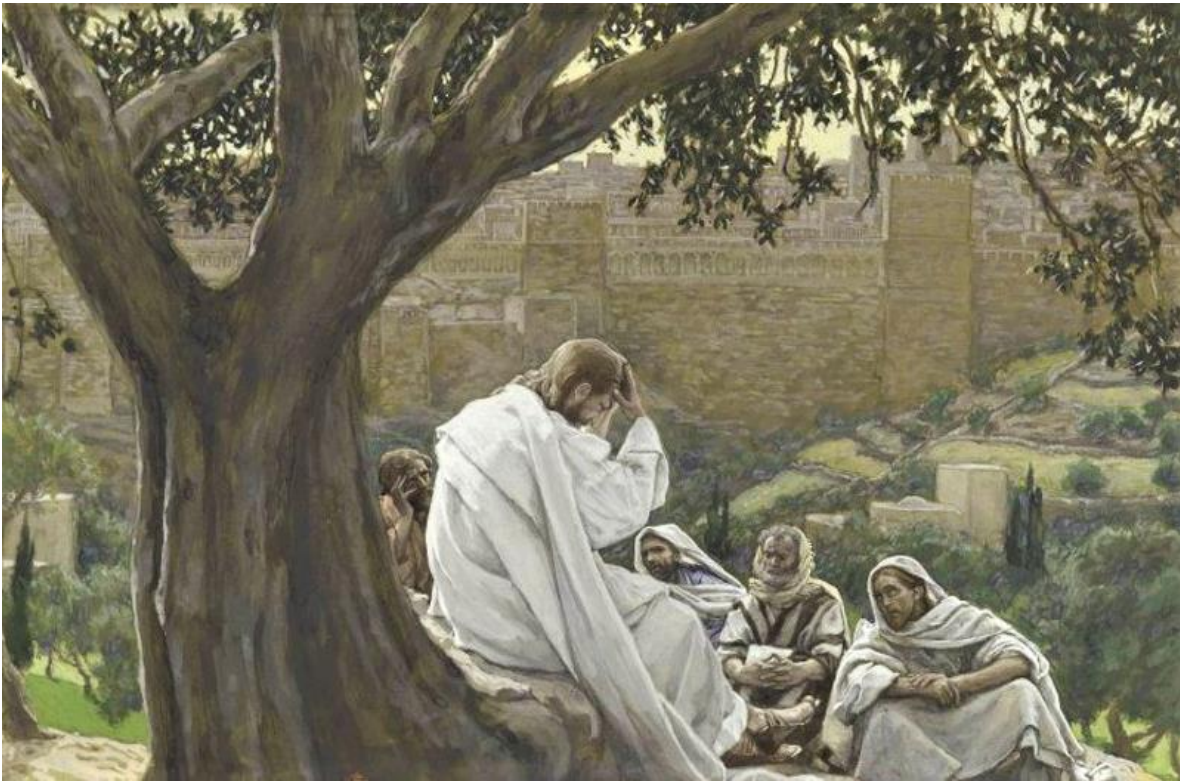


St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

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



*Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple
James Tissot 1836-1902*

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2025
(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

Steal Away

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 11

Awake, my soul

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Malachi (4:1-2)

Liz Findlay

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 98 (Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse)

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

*A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians
(3:6-13) Lily Bringenberg*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 482 *Lord of all hopefulness*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke (21:5-19)
Glory to you Lord Christ

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher,

when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Anne Iannello

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

C. Russell

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 A

BCP p. 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

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 615

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

Communion Hymn 667

Sometimes a light surprises

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 607

O God of every nation

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!



***The flowers on the Altar today are for the
Glory of God and in loving honor of***

Kathy & Larry Belluscio wedding anniversary

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

Good News

The Zonta Club of Batavia-Genesee County has made a sizeable donation of feminine hygiene products for distribution through the Blessing Box. Additionally, one of the Zonta ladies made a donation to the Rupprecht Fund to help with the Christmas checks. The club is most appreciative of St. James' generosity in providing space for their basket assembly the last couple of years. Five women from the GRI are Zontians: Barb Gray, Betty O'Brien, Dorian Ely, Amy Swanson and Lindsay Yoder.

Sandwiches for the Cathedral

Next Sunday, November 23rd, we will be making sandwiches for the unhoused people who come to the downtown Buffalo Cathedral for a meal. All necessary ingredients will be there. If you have just a little time following the service join us in the kitchen and help put together a much appreciated meal for those in need.

Turkeys

This time of year most supermarkets offer frozen turkeys for sale for extremely low prices. If you find such a sale but don't need a turkey for yourself it would be most welcome in the St. James freezer. Last year we used the donated turkeys and offered a turkey sandwich lunch to the community outside our doors. Many, many people came and enjoyed a lunch while enjoying some St. James hospitality. We are hoping to do the same this spring.

Blessing Box Supplies

Since SNAP benefits have been delayed, this will most likely mean there will be families looking for help feeding their families. Probably we will be seeing some new faces at our Blessing Box. We can use your help in providing non perishable food items. Also needed are personal hygiene products. There are places to drop things off as you enter church. Not sure what to buy? Donate a gift card to Aldis or the Dollar Tree and someone will do the shopping for what's needed.

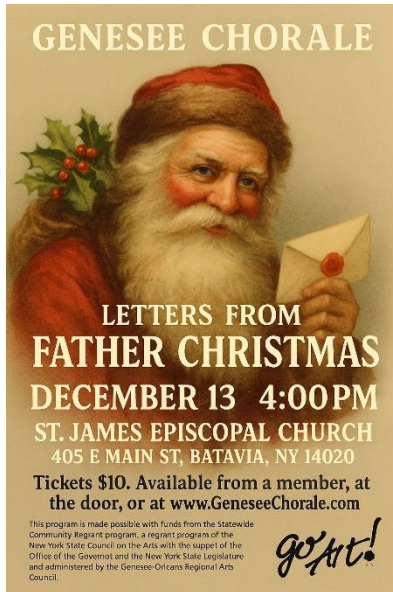
Thanksgiving Pies

Pie season at St. James is here! We will meet in the kitchen at 9:00 on Tuesday the 18th for the final day of pie making. All skills are needed from apple peeling to rolling crust. There is a spot for you to help. We will be working for just a half day. Hope to see some new faces in the kitchen.

Advent Music Meditations

(If you would like to attend one of the performances requiring a ticket and need assistance in purchasing it, please contact the church office.)

4PM December 13th



*As is our custom, the Genesee Chorale will be our honored guests with a performance entitled: **Letters from Father Christmas**. If you would like to attend this performance and need assistance with a ticket purchase, please call the church office.*

The Genesee Chorale was organized in the fall of 1971 under the direction of Dr. Theodore Ashizawa who led the Chorale for 20 years. Dawn Mark conducted the group for four seasons, followed by Ron Bordinaro, Marcia Housel (for dinner dances), Mark Hoerbelt for 5 years, and Charles Bradley for two seasons. Ric Jones has been the director since January of 2008.

The Chorale is comprised of seventy to seventy-five singers from all walks of life and draws membership from Genesee County and seven additional counties. They are pleased to call St. James their home, and we are pleased to be their host. Please do attend and help us welcome and enjoy the Genesee Chorale.

St. James Calendar **Happy Birthday**

Terry McGuire & Jane McKeehen & Cillian Burk 11-19
Joanne Fleming 11-22

Sun, November 16	9:00 am - 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Mon, November 17	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tue, November 18	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	9:00 am	Pie making
	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed, November 19	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	10:00 am	Canon Johnnie in office
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thu, November 20	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
Fri, November 21		Office closed
	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Basket Raffle & Pie Sale
Sat, November 22	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Basket Raffle & Pie Sale
Sun, November 23	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Liturgy of the Word
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15	Coffee Hour

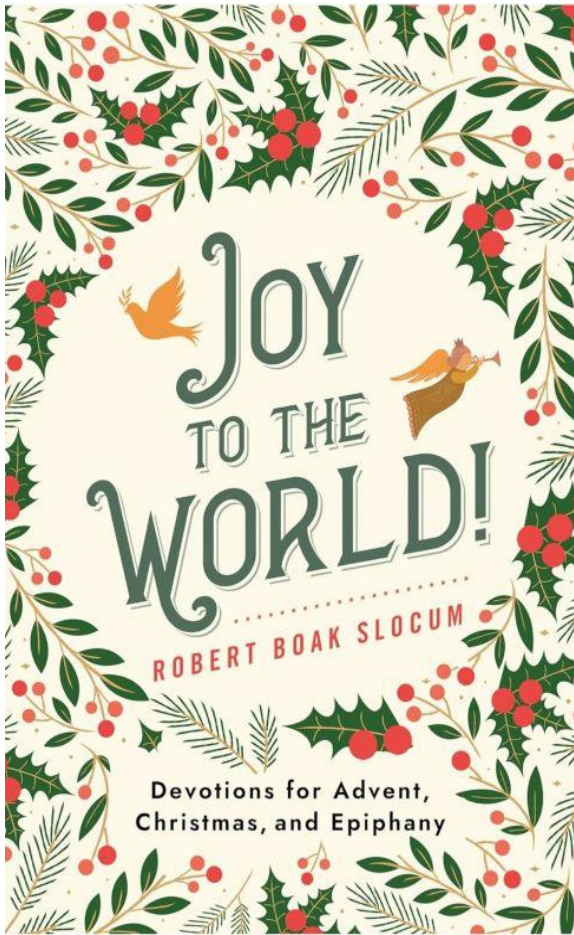
Zoom meetings use the following link:

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Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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.

Book Study from Advent through Epiphany



From Advent through Epiphany, Canon Johnnie will lead a book study with us using this beautifully designed devotional by the Reverend Robert B. Slocum. Father Slocum is an Episcopal Priest who will offer us heartwarming devotions for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Our study will take us from the miraculous conception of Jesus through the visit of the Magi, as we experience Joy to the World! in the wonders of the God's coming to us. We will explore ways of how we can embrace the Incarnation and make it meaningful in our everyday life.

"Each devotion offers a passage from scripture, thought-provoking questions, and soulful prayers to help us contemplate God's steadfast presence and love in our lives."

You can order the book from Amazon yourself, or we will have 12 copies available here at church. This study will also be made available via Zoom for those who might find winter night driving a challenge.

Funds are available for book scholarships, so please don't feel like you must be able to afford the book to attend the study. Dates and times are will be Thursday evenings at 5PM, with the last meeting being January 15th. I have also arranged for you to meet the author and ask questions of him. This will take place by Zoom. Please join the group. I bet you will not regret it.

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, (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.

Name

Other family members

Here at St. James You are Welcome Regardless!



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