

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Sanctus and Benedictus *Sung by all The St. James Christmas Service*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your
 glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Blessed is he, is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

All may kneel.

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving ... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Prayer Book, p. 367

Fraction Anthem *Sung by all The St. James Christmas Service*

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly Child, who takes the
 sin of the world a - way; Have mer - cy on us, lamb so
 mild, the babe, the son of Ma - ry. This, this is your
 bo - dy giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n. Take,
 eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The Communion of the People

All who seek God, and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at his table.

At the Communion, Anthem

Infant holy, infant lowly,
 For his bed a cattle stall;
 Oxen lowing, little knowing
 Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
 Swift are winging angels singing,
 Nowells ringing, tidings bringing,
 Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
 Vigil till the morning new,
 Saw the glory, heard the story,
 Tiding of a gospel true.
 Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
 Praises voicing, greet the morrow,
 Christ the Babe was born for you!

Hymn 84

Love came down at Christmas

GARTAN

All may kneel.

Post-Communion Prayer *Celebrant and People*

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

All may stand.

Hymn 100

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

ANTIOCH

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata on 'Antioch'

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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Fifth Avenue at 90th Street in the City of New York
 December 25, 2011

10:30 am

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist



The Word of God

Prelude

Carol-Prelude on 'Greensleeves'

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

All may stand at the procession.

Hymn 102, st. 1,2,4,6 Once in royal David's city

IRBY

Salutation and Collect for Purity

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *Sung by all The St. James Christmas Service*

1 Glo - ry be to God on high,
 2 Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare
 3 Prais - es to the Ho - ly One,
 To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds draw - ing nigh,
 Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer,
 Prais - es sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er and the Son
 Join to ce - le - brate His birth. Glo - - -
 Give us grace from heav'n a - bove.
 and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.
 - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis
 De - o! in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad with the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

All may sit.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence for reflection

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-13

Anglican Chant: *John Goss*

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

he is more to be feared than all gods.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he comes,

when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11–14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence for reflection

All may stand.

Sequence Hymn 107 Good Christian friends, rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

The Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,

because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All may sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey

All may stand.

The Nicene Creed *Said by all*

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

Prayer Book, p. 389

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and the world.

All may kneel.

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

After each petition, the Intercessor says:

We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest adds a concluding Doxology:

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Prayer Book, p. 331

Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All **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.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

All may stand.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?

My God, no hymn for thee?

My soul ’s a shepherd too; a flock it feeds

Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.

The pasture is thy word: the streams, thy grace

Enriching all the place.

Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my powers

Out-sing the day-light houres.

Then we will chide the sunne for letting night

Take up his place and right:

We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should

Himself the candle hold.

I will go searching, till I finde a sunne

Shall stay, till we have done;

A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly,

As frost-nipt sunnes look sadly.

Then we will sing, shine all our own day,

And one another pay:

His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine,

Till ev’n his beams sing, and my musick shine.

From *Hodie*; text by George Herbert, 1633

Joshua Jeremiah, baritone

All may stand.

At the Presentation, Hymn 93, st. 1 & 4

REGENT SQUARE

All **Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; Ye, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth: Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Saints before the altar bending,

watching long in hope and fear,

Suddenly the Lord, descending,

in his temple shall appear:

Come and worship, come and worship

Worship Christ, the newborn King.