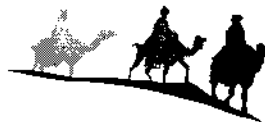


**W**e warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors who are worshipping with us today. Please introduce yourselves to the Clergy and kindly sign the guest book provided near the Choir Vestry in the Narthex.

**10:30 P.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**Preludes: Noel IV - Claude Daquin**

**Noel: O Jour Glorieux - Claude Balbastre**



**Candle-Lighting Hymn: 119 (Stille Nacht) Silent Night (sung kneeling)**

**Invitatory: O come let us worship**

**Processional Hymn: 118 (Adeste Fidelis) O Come, All Ye Faithful [Verses 1-5]**

**Christmas Anthem (Sung) page 104**

**Priest: The Lord be with you**

**People: And with thy spirit**

**Priest: Let Us Pray**

**Collect (printed)**

**First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 (printed)**

**Reader: Tom Beckett**

**Choir Anthem: Sussex Carol -English Carol/arr. Willecocks**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 (printed)**

**Reader: Kathryn Bowen**

**Sequence: Hymn 132 (Divinum Mysterium) vss 1-3 Of Eternal Love Begotten**

**Before the Gospel: Glory be to thee O Lord**

**Gospel: John 1:1-14 (printed)**

**After the Gospel: Praise be to thee O Christ**

**Sequence: Hymn: 132 (Divinum Mysterium) vss 4-6 Of Eternal Love Begotten**

**Sermon: The Rev. Canon Rod Gillis**

**The Creed (page 71)**

**Gifts of the People: Nancy & Alan Knight**

**Offertory Hymn: 148 (See Amid the Winter's Snows)**

**The Great Prayers for the Church (page 75)**

**Invitation to Confession (page 76)**

**The Peace (page 83)**

**Agnus Dei (page 84)**

**(Silence is kept)**

**Before Communion**

**Priest: Christ our Passover is Sacrificed For Us**

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Communion: Meditation on O Little One Sweet - Eric Thiman**

**O Little One Sweet - J.S. Bach**

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - Johannes Brahms**

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - Jacob Praetorius**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving (page 85)**

**Recessional Hymn: ~~118~~ (Antioch) Joy to the world**

**Dismissal: Minister: Let Us bless the Lord. Alleluia**

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

**Postlude: Noel Suiss - Claude Daquin**

**All those who are baptized communicants of their own church are welcome to make their communion at this service.**

**The servers are Carmon Stone, Kyle Mason, Andy Harvey and Anna Hoeg.**

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Collect: Eternal God, This holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading:

(ISAIAH 52:7-10)

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. 9 Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord / Response: *Thanks be to God*

Second Reading:

(HEBREWS 1:1-4)

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord / Response: *Thanks be to God*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(JOHN 1:1-14)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: *The Gospel of Christ*

There will be a service of Holy Communion on New Year's Eve in the chapel at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to prepare to meet the year 2005 at this liturgy.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the A.C.W., Mothers' Union, Social Club, Outreach Committee and many individuals whose efforts facilitate the mission and outreach work of the parish at Christmas and throughout the year. May God bless you.

The programs, events, and activities in the parish during the Advent and Christmas Seasons are possible because of the efforts of a great many people: A thank you is extended to our parish staff: Michael Hadley (Custodian); David Wilson (Organist & choir director); Allen Simpson (printer/ book keeper); Betty Rice (receptionist); Betty Whatley (readers); The choir, orchestra and musicians, Altar Guild, Servers, Lay readers and eucharistic ministers, readers, decorators, garland makers, greeters, sidespersons, and the Sunday School staff and students. God rest you merry ministers.

We bid your prayers for all mariners, teamsters, fire fighters, police officers, health care workers, members of the Canadian forces (especially those on active duty outside the country) and all who work during the holiday season on behalf of the common good.

The rector, wardens, and the parish council of St. James extend to you and yours every best wish and blessing of this holy season.

THE REV. CANON ROD GILLIS AND WENDY & FAMILY would like to thank members of the parish for their cards and remembrances over the holiday season. We extend best wishes of the season to each of you.

- The Rev. Canon Rod Gillis

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:30 a.m. -Holy Communion (said).**  
*(Please note: There is only one service this Sunday).*

Wed. Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sat. Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve  
6:30 p.m. - Holy Communion

Sun. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BCP



*Please pick up 2005 envelopes in the narthex*