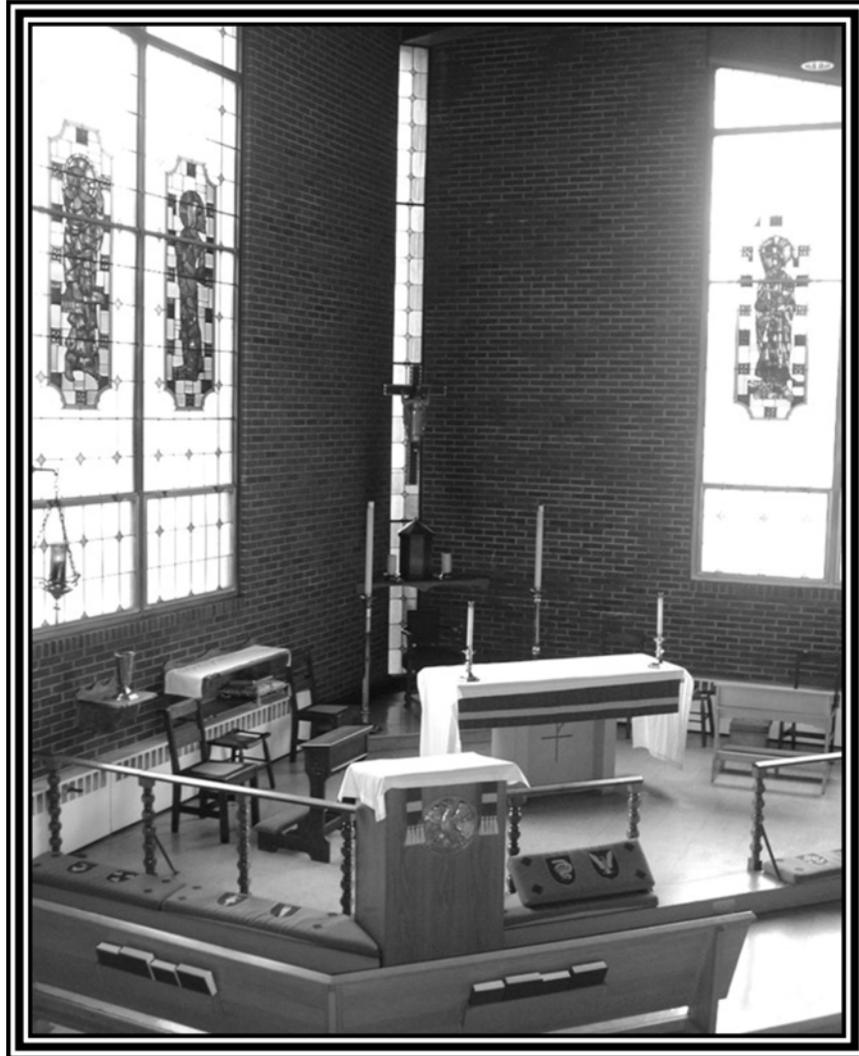


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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Processional Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Hymnal #450

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Gloria** *all sing*

Setting: Robert Powell

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

*The Priest says the Collect. (see insert)*

**Readings from the Holy Scriptures (see insert)**

## Sequence Hymn

see below

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

*The Priest reads the Gospel (see insert)*

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

see above

## The Sermon

The Rev. William Hinrichs

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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**

Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human form. Renew your Church as the body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy      **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Christians the world over are celebrating his birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Lord, in your mercy      **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Mary in the pain of labor brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress today.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world, especially those listed in our prayer list and all who need or who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night the angels sang "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby laying in a manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Keep in safety all those who have gone through death in the hope of heaven, especially those who are memorialized by the Christmas greens and flowers adorning our church this evening.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Blessed Mary and all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy           **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*All pray together*

**Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for this, your diocese of Albany. Inspire and sustain us in this time of transition. Incline our hearts to do your will, and so direct us in your ways that the leader you are raising up to be our Bishop will find here joyful disciples, making disciples, united in faith, unflagging in hope, and steeped in mutual charity. In your mercy, accept our repentance, and grant us peace; look with patience on our enthusiasms; and pour rich gifts and grace upon all who are entrusted with the ongoing work of your church; so that, with diligence and charity, we may discern correctly and walk righteously in your ways. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Confession of Sin (kneeling if you are able)**

*Minister and people*

**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 Priest stands and says*

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. **Amen.**

Priest: Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given, and his name is called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

**Welcome and announcements**

# Offertory Hymn #115

## “What Child Is This?”



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

### Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost —  
Amen.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Priest inserts preface for the day.*) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

FP Schubert / arr.R Proulx

Hymnal S-130

*All sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

*Priest and people*

**All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN (sung by everyone).**



*Priest*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Priest*

**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**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.*

**Fraction Anthem S-154**

*Christ Our Passover*

*All sing*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the 'Alleluia' refrain. The second staff contains the beginning of the main text. The third staff contains the end of the main text. The fourth staff contains the second line of the 'Alleluia' refrain. The music is written in a single treble clef.

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*Facing the people, the Priest says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*And may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive Communion.*

*Those wishing to receive please come forward in the following manner:*

*FIRST, those on the right side of the church come down the center aisle, receive Communion standing at the opening in the altar rail, then return by going around the pews to their right.*

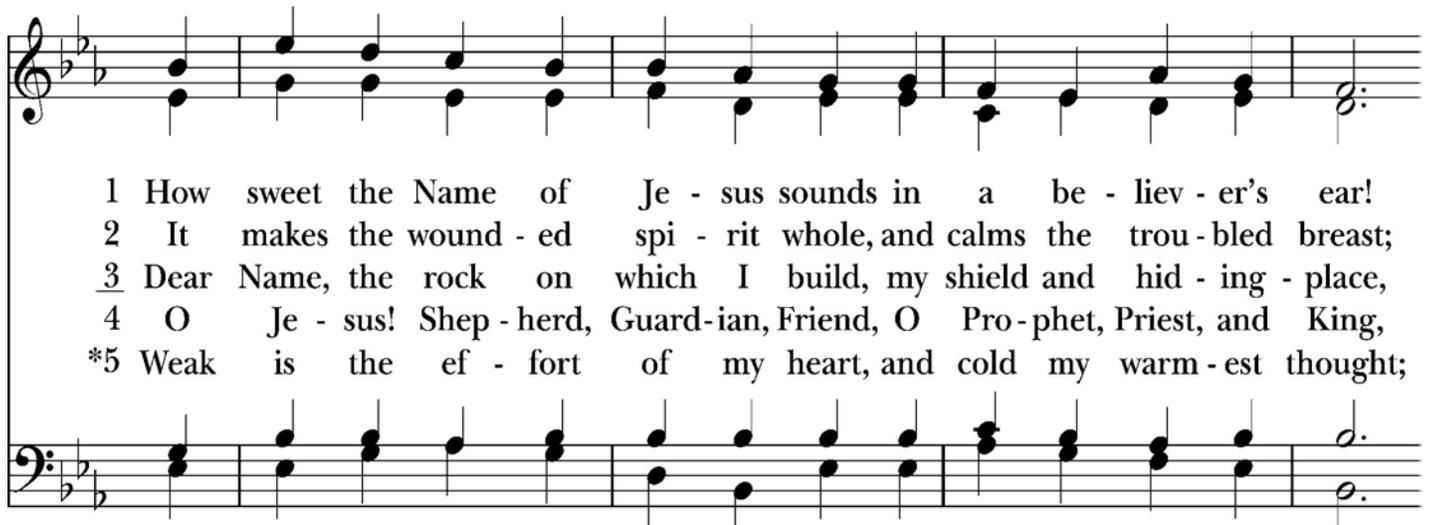
*SECOND, once all on the right side have received, we invite those on the left to come down the center aisle, receive Communion, and return to their seat by going around to the pews to their left.*

*Those who do not wish to receive Communion may cross their arms to receive a blessing or quietly offer the following prayer:*

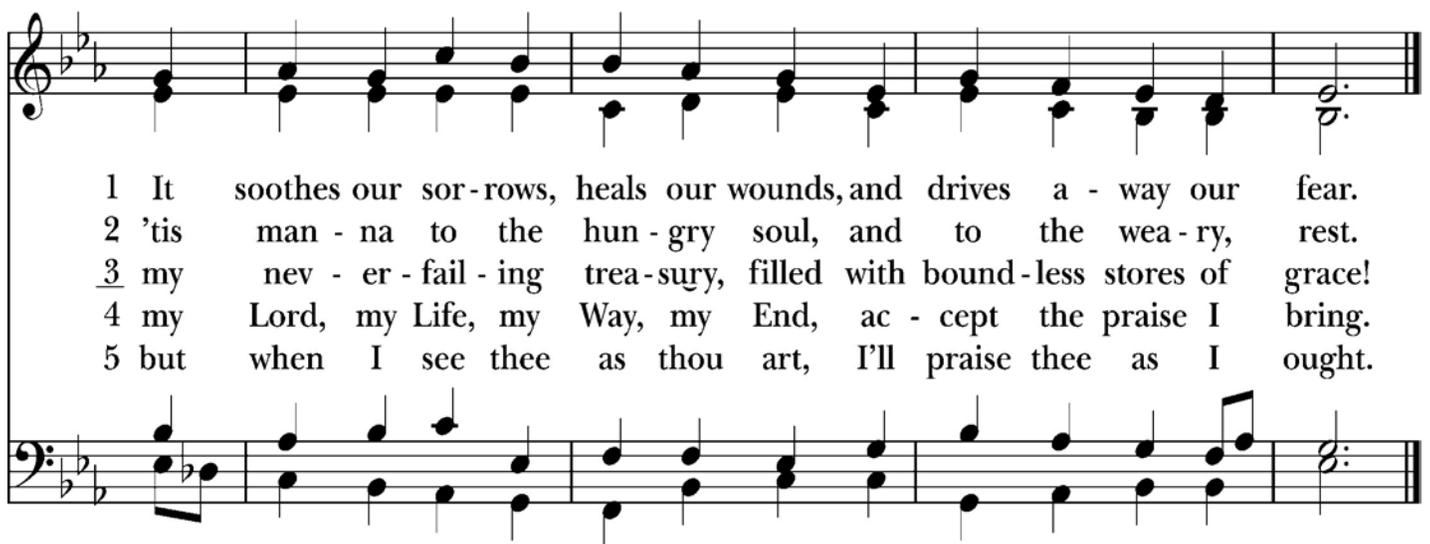
*(A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impeded them from actually receiving Holy Communion.)*

[My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.]

# Communion Hymn #644 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"



1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!  
2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;  
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,  
4 O Je - sus! Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,  
\*5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;



1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.  
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.  
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!  
4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.  
5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877).

*After Communion, the Priest says*  
Let us pray.

*Priest 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.**

**Blessing**

**COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

(When one is bringing Communion to someone in the community)

**Clergy:** *Keets*, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**Congregation:** *We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

**Recessional Hymn #99**

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

see next page

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and



ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that



Je - sus Christ is born!

- 1 While shep - herds kept their
- 2 The shep - herds feared and
- 3 Down in a low - ly



watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

*Repeat Refrain*



hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

**Dismissal** (from the back of the church)

***People respond*** Thanks be to God.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 1, 2023



**LET US PRAY** for those who are homeless, hungry, unemployed, lonely, lost, and dying, for our military and for the people of Ukraine and Russia. We pray for the Church throughout the world: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Michael our Assisting Bishop as we search for a new Bishop. We pray for Kyle, Hank Dufresne, Mike Brooks, Ian Caristi, Noah, Frank Battige, Pooja, Matthew Weeks, Anna Stone, Byard Clemmons, Anne Filuta, Karen Almeida, John Hillicross, Tom Russo, Michael, Diane Francis, Steve Rice, Diane, Vicky, Bob & Barb, Keith & Family, Jack & Anna Dingley, and Sandra, Dave Chard, Marybeth Maloney, and all who suffer from cancer, and for those with Coronavirus. We also lift up the Counseling Care Center, Reilly House, Youth For Christ, Grace Church Appalachian Mission, and the Friday night AA Group.

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Dear St. John's Family,

Barbara and I received a very attractive flower arrangement, a generous check and a gift certificate for a local restaurant as Christmas gifts from all of you.

Thank you very much. We appreciate your generosity and feel honored to be able to serve among you.

Fr. Bill

**JOURNEY WITH MATTHEW** - The daily readings begin today. Starting next Sunday (January 8) we will meet briefly after church each Sunday to discuss the material read that week.

**FR. BILL IS HAPPY** to bring communion to all who are confined to their home. Please call or text him at 518-221-3425.

**THE CHOIR** will rehearse after Mass this morning.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.**

A collection bin is located in the narthex. All items are welcome, but they are particularly in need of soup, canned vegetables, rice, deodorant, paper towels and shampoo.

DURING THIS CURRENT TIME OF TRANSITION  
WE ASK THAT YOU KINDLY OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Wearing masks is voluntary for those who have been vaccinated (extras are provided in the back of the church.)
- While family groups may sit together, we ask that all others observe a reasonable distance from non-family members as much as possible within comfort levels.
- Hand sanitizer is provided in the narthex and at the back of the church.
- You may place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the church.



The Rt, Rev. Michael Smith

Assisting Bishop of Albany

The Rev. William Hinrichs

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