

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH
HYMNS For JANUARY 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 99

1. Earth has many a noble city;
Bethl'em, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.
2. Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.
3. Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give in deep devotion,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.
4. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.
5. Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad Epiphany,
unto thee with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 102

1. "I come," the great Redeemer cries,
"To do thy will, O Lord!"
At Jordan's stream, behold!
He seals the sure prophetic word.
2. "Thus it becomes us to fulfill
all righteousness," he said.
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,
through Jordan's flood was led.
3. Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks
from heaven's exalted height:
"This is my Son, my well-beloved
in whom I take delight."
4. The Saviour Jesus, well-beloved!
His Name we will profess,
like him desirous to fulfill
God's will in righteousness.
5. No more we'll count ourselves our own
but his in bonds of love.
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw
our souls to things above!.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 108

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
- 2 To hail thee, Sun of righteousness,
The gathering nations come;

They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.

3. For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.
4. For unto us a child is born,
To us the Son is given,
And on his shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.
5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored.
6. His righteous government and power
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end
7. Lord Jesus, reign is us, we pray,
And make us thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy spirit, one.

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 572

1. Be still, my soul! For God is near!
The great High Priest is with thee now;
The Lord of life himself is near,
before whose face the angels bow.
2. To make thy heart his lowly throne

thy Saviour God in love draws nigh;
he gives himself unto his own,
for whom he once came down to die.

3. He pleads before the mercy-seat;
he pleads with God; he pleads for thee;
he gives thee bread from heaven to eat,
his flesh and blood in mystery.
4. I come, O Lord! For thou dost call -
to blend my pleading prayer with thine;
to thee I give myself - my all,
and feed on thee and make thee mine.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 659

1. Lamb of God, I look to thee,
thou shalt my example be:
thou art gentle, meek, and mild,
thou wast once a little child.
2. Fain I would be as thou art;
give me thy obedient heart;
thou art pitiful and kind,
let me have thy loving mind.
3. Meek and lowly may I be;
thou art all humility:
let me to my betters bow,
subject to thy parents thou.
4. Let me above all fulfill
God my Heavenly Father's will;
never his good Spirit grieve,
only to his glory live.

5. Thou didst live to God alone,
thou didst never seek thine own,
thou thyself didst never please,
God was all thy happiness.
6. Loving Jesu, gentle Lamb,
in thy gracious hands I am;
make me, Saviour, what thou art;
Live thyself within my heart.
7. I shall then show forth thy praise,
serve thee all my happy days;
then the world shall always see
Christ, the Holy Child, in me.

HYMN FOR THE RECESSON: 103

1. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!
2. Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy
prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and
fearfulness,
He will accept for the Name that is dear;

Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear

5. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
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With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!