



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 448 “O love, how deep, how broad, how high” *Deus tuorum militum*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

Kyrie eleison

melody adapted by Johann Crueger



Lord, — have mer - cy.



Christ, — have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

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The Lessons:

Joshua 5:9–12 *NRSV, p. 195*

Psalm 32:1–6

Antiphon *(The antiphon is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by all.)*



Hap - py are they whose trans - gres - sions are for - giv'n, and whose sin is — put a - way!

Psalm chant:



*All sing the psalm verses
and repeated antiphon.*

Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/**given**, *
and whose sin is put a-/**way**!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no / **guilt**, *
and in whose spirit there is no / **guile**!

ANTIPHON

While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/**way**, *
because of my groaning all day / **long**.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and / **night**; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of / **summer**.

ANTIPHON

2 Corinthians 5:16–21 *NRSV, p. 1055*

Sequence Hymn 531 *“O Spirit of the living God”* *Melcombe*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32 *NRSV, p. 954*

The Sermon *The Reverend Kitty Davis*

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The Prayers of the People: Form VI 392

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- DISCIPLES CLASS - Great Hall - Linda Murchison leads “How, Then Shall We Pray – A Few Simple Practices to Cultivate Wisdom, Resilience, and Hearts of Service”
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Bishop Wright Room - Mebane Boyd, “Safe, Capable, and Loved – From Children to Communities.”

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- PRESCHOOLERS - Preschool Classroom
- ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - Yoga Room - Break out into small groups after a fun gathering together!
- 6th - 12th GRADERS - Youth Room - “Confirm not Conform”

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MARCH 28 - APRIL 3

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MARCH 28

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall
- SACRED GROUND
7:00-8:30 PM | Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- MEN’S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES:
THE REV. PAN CONRAD
“CATASTROPHE, RESILIENCE AND
EVOLUTION: HOW GOD REDEEMS
EVERYTHING”
7:00-8:30 PM | St. James & Livestream

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th Street
- THRIVE AT 75 KICK OFF
9:00 AM | SJDS Playground
- BYOBible STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
- CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE
5:45 PM | Children’s Chapel
- CONFIRMATION CLASS
6:00 PM | St. James

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING
6:00-7:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- QUIET REFLECTION
7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9 & 11:15 AM | SJ Website or FB
- FAITH FORMATION
10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- YOUTH GROUP
5:00 PM | Youth Room

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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Liturgy of the Table: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Kitty Davis
Liturgy of the Word: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Martha Patterson Kidder, George Everard Kidder and Pat Kidder Crittenden.*

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: “Sing, my soul, his wondrous love”	Ned Rorem
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Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o’er our race, still to man extends his grace.	God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior’s blood, and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.
Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below?	Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come

Presentation Hymn 380 (stanza 3)	“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”	Old 100th
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Celebrant	People
The— Lord be— with you. And— al- so with you.	
Celebrant	People
Lift— up your hearts. 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.—	

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The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Joshua 5:9–12

Commentary:
When Israel passed through the Red Sea and out of Egypt, the charge that originated with the Egyptians was that God had led the Israelites out of Egypt only to destroy them in the wilderness. Now that God had brought His people into the land He had promised them, the disgrace of that charge was rolled away. Israel celebrated Passover, the commemoration of God’s redemption of His people from Egyptian slavery, in the Promised Land. For the Feast of Unleavened Bread, they were able to use grain from the land to make bread. God provided for His people by supplying manna in the wilderness and now produce from their own land. Circumstances change, but God is steadfast and faithful to His promises and His people.

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Commentary:
After his conversion on the Damascus Road Paul saw and understood Jesus Christ in a new way. Paul no longer made superficial personal judgments based on external appearances. Paul now realized that spiritual status mattered much more than ethnicity, wealth, social standing, or any human measure used to evaluate others. Paul explained that experiencing conversion results in a new creation, thanks to the indwelling, life-giving Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ, God has provided the means by which the world is reconciled to God the Father. God’s own Son paid the penalty for sin and all are invited to respond to the offer of salvation by believing the gospel. All believers share in the ministry of reconciliation; Christians have the honor and responsibility of being ambassadors for Christ.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.