



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 3 APRIL 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.*

ST. JAMES PARISH

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 398 “I sing the almighty power of God”

Forest Green

The Word of God

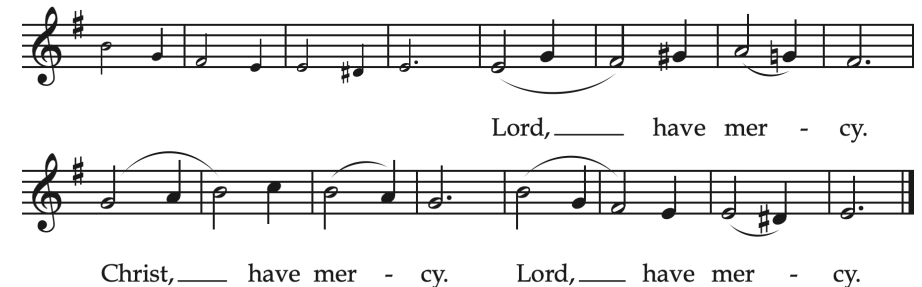
Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

Kyrie eleison

melody adapted by Johann Crueger



Collect of the Day

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The Lessons:

Isaiah 43:16–21

NRSV, p. 659

Psalms 126

Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad in - deed.



All sing the psalm verses and repeated antiphon.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of / **Zion**, *
then were we like those who / **dream**.
Then was our mouth filled with / **laughter**, *
and our tongue with shouts of / **joy**.

Restore our fortunes, O / **Lord**, *
like the watercourses of the / **Negev**.
Those who sowed with / **tears** *
will reap with songs of / **joy**.

Second half of chant:
Those who go out weeping, carrying the / **seed**, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their / **sheaves**.

ANTIPHON

Then they said among the / nations, *
“The Lord has done great / **things for them**.”
The Lord has done great things / **for us**, *
and we are glad in-/**deed**.

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Philippians 3:4b–14

NRSV, p. 1072

Sequence Hymn 545 “Lo! what a cloud of witnesses”

St. Fulbert

The Holy Gospel: John 12:1–8

NRSV, p. 982

The Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form VI

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The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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MT. LEBANON CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER LABYRINTH COMING TO MT. LEBANON CHAPEL THIS SUMMER

After months of careful deliberation and planning, the St. James Vestry and Lebanon Chapel Labyrinth Committee are pleased to announce plans to install a labyrinth on the grounds of Mount Lebanon Chapel. This quiet, simple, and tranquil location adjacent to Bradley Creek offers the perfect setting for our parish family and community-at-large to “grow in faith” for many years to come.

Early on, our Committee decided to seek funding for the Labyrinth from individuals rather than from our church budget, ideally to spiritually connect as many St. James parishioners as possible to this project and place. Therefore we are looking to individuals – from toddlers to adults – to support this project. Cookie Cantwell enthusiastically requested, on behalf of the Youth at St. James, to make the first contribution to the Labyrinth Account, and they have done so in the amount of \$5,000! A big thank you to Cookie and our St. James Youth Group! Our plans include recognizing donors in a meaningful way on the Mt. Lebanon Chapel property.

If interested in more information about the Labyrinth and/or the Labyrinth budget, please contact Kay Dougherty: kdougherty@thehill.org or 484-919-8261

To make a gift, please contact Maria Hollopeter by email: finance@stjamesp.org or 910-763-1628 or visit: stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/

Pictured to the right: 1) Example of the labyrinth selected, 2) Installation location between the All Saints Memorial Garden and Bradley Creek, and 3) Our wonderful team of volunteers who helped clear the grounds for the new labyrinth.



FAITH FORMATION TODAY

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- DISCIPLES CLASS - Great Hall - Susan Ingle leads
“Jesus, our Passover Lamb”
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS - The Green Room

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., APRIL 4-10

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

MONDAY, APRIL 4

- BROOKLYN ARTS ACADEMY RECITAL
4:15-6:45 PM | Perry Hall Gym
- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00-6:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- WELLNESS CIRCLES
6:30-7:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

- MEN’S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- SACRED GROUND
7:00-8:30 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th Street
- 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
- EPISCOPOSSE BIBLE STUDY
8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
PALM SUNDAY

- 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
- INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT
10:00 AM | The Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- WILMINGTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
1:30-4:30 PM | St. James Parish
- YOUTH GROUP
5:00 PM | Youth Room

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the April 11th Digital Grapevine is April 8th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: “A Shaker Canon” two Shaker tunes, arr. John Sullivan

Hop up and jump up and whirl round, whirl round,
Gather love, here it is all round, all round.
Here is love flowing round, catch it as you whirl round.
Reach up and reach down, here it is all round.

I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free,
I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree.
I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,
I will bow and will be broken, yea, I’ll fall upon the rock.

Presentation Hymn 380 (stanza 3) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” Old 100th

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A 361

Sanctus S-124 David Hurd

The Lord’s Prayer 364

The Breaking of the Bread 364

The Fraction Anthem

Cantor

People

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

There - fore let us keep the feast.

Communion Hymn 313 “Let thy Blood in mercy poured” Jesus, meine Zuversicht

The Post-communion Prayer	365
The Blessing	366
Closing Hymn 595 “God of grace and God of glory”	Mannheim
The Dismissal	366
Postlude:	



Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Andrew Abbott McArtor and Rebekah Gentry.*

The Collect

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 43:16–21

Commentary:
Isaiah reminded his readers that the God predicting the future was the same God who in power, love, and faithfulness had delivered His people from Egypt. God did not want them to forget what He had done, nor did He want them to think His only act of redemption was in the past. God promised to do a new thing for Israel, something so astounding that even the animals would acknowledge the Lord’s goodness to His people. This time, instead of turning a sea into dry land, God would turn the dry land into waterways. God would do this not because the people deserved it, but because the God who holds the past and the future is faithful to all His promises.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:4b–14

Commentary:
Paul loved the Philippian church but he had noticed a disturbing trend within it; some of the Philippians thought that who they were or what they did made them acceptable to God. To point out the error of this thinking, Paul explained why he had every reason to be confident in the flesh. Paul had been born into one of Israel’s leading families and he was also a sincere, knowledgeable and pious Pharisee, dedicated to scrupulous observance of Mosaic Law. According to that law Paul was in fine shape. However, he had learned that religious advantages and good works did not put him in a right standing with God, only faith in Jesus Christ was able to do that. Knowing Christ, entering into a deeper and fuller appreciation of His person and work, was now of primary importance to Paul. Jesus Christ is the goal of our faith, of our love and of our hope.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: John 12:1–8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”