

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II 9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 494

"Crown him with many crowns"

Diademata

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

The Holy Bible; NRSV, p. 1074

Commentary: This letter was intended to commend the Colossian church for what it was doing well and to correct it where it was in danger of being led astray by false teaching. Paul prayed the Colossians would grow in knowledge of God and as a result they would bear much good fruit. However, the highest purpose of this letter was to present the absolute supremacy and sole sufficiency of Jesus Christ. Paul described Jesus in three relationships: to God the Father, to all creation and to the church. In relation to God the Father: people were made in the image of God but Christ is deity and therefore the perfect image of God. In relation to creation: Christ was before creation in time and is over all creation as its sovereign. In relation to the church: Christ is the head and gives to His body the authority and direction it needs. Jesus Christ, the King, superior in every way, is worthy of all honor and praise.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.

Sequence

The antiphon is sung first by the Choir then repeated by all.



Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

Psalm 119:33 All repeat the Alleluias

NRSV, p. 965

The Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant 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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Celebrant

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Tune: Christian Lyre (1831), J. Leavitt arr. David Hogan

O Jesus, King most wonderful!

O conqueror renowned!

O Source of life ineffable,

In whom all joys are found.

O Jesus, light of all below,

The fount of life and fire,

Surpassing all the joys we know,

all that we can desire.

When once you visit darkened hearts,

Then truth begins to shine,

Then earthly vanity departs,

Then kindles love divine.

You may our tongues forever bless;

You may we love alone

And ever in our lives express

the image of your own!

May every heart confess your Name,

Forever you adore,

And seeking you, itself inflame

To seek you more and more.

Author: Bernard of Clairvezux

Translator: Edward Caswell

Presentation Hymn 380

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" stanza 3

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

p. 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

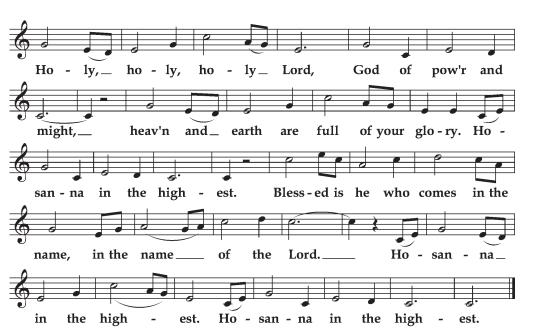
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:



Resignation



The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

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

p. 364

The Fraction Anthem S–152 "Christ our Passover"

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu -

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Communion Hymns

Hymn 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" Picardy "King of glory, King of peace" **Hymn 382** General Seminary

The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 544

"Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun"

Duke Street

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon Children's Chapel: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte S. Murchison, David R. Murchison, Jr., David R. Murchison III, Sallie L. Harrison, and Horace H. Harrison.

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- DISCIPLE'S CLASS Thanksgiving for my Neighbor Great Hall or via Zoom
- SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Seven Signs in John Lippitt Room
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS Neighbors Across Culture and Religion - Stephen Ministry Room
- JUBL-LATTE ROUND TABLE (6th-12th grades) Cookie's Office
- FAITH ADVENTURERS (4th & 5th grades): 2nd Fl. Milton Hall
- FAITH BUILDERS (2nd and 3rd graders): 2nd Fl. Milton Hall
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): 2nd Fl. Milton Hall
- FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER (3's &4's): 2nd Fl. Milton Hall

HAPPENING AROUND ST. JAMES

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP LED BY OUR ST. JAMES YOUTH

Sunday, November 20 | 5:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel TONIGHT! Our St. James Youth will be leading us in a special time of thanksgiving and worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. Join us as "we gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing" and as we ponder all for which we can be thankful! Everyone is welcome....people of all ages. Let's share our Blessings and Thanksgivings!

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Deadline for Donations: November 27th

St. James is adopting 150 children this year; 75 from Community Boys & Girls Club and 75 from Brigade Boys and Girls Club. We ask that you spend \$25-\$35 on each child. If you do not want to adopt a child you can donate and we will use the funds to buy the remaining gifts.

ST. NICK AT ST. JAMES

Saturday, December 3, 2022 | 8:30-11:30 a.m. | St. James It's time for our favorite St. James Day School Fundraiser! St. Nick is back at St. James on Saturday, December 3rd from 8:30-11:30 a.m.! We're inviting all our friends to sign up for a time to say hello to St. Nick on his magical sleigh. Don't forget to check out our winter wonderland in the Great Hall. St. Nick's helpers have prepared special crafts, a cookie decorating station, a hot chocolate bar, coffee and a light breakfast for all our guests. Registration is \$35 per family.

ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES: AUTHOR DAVID ZAHL

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | Great Hall The St. James Speaker Series is excited to offer the opportunity to hear David Zahl present "How Realistic Expectations Lead to Grace for Others—and Ourselves " on December 6th, 2022 at St. James Parish.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE BENEFITTING A SAFE PLACE

Deadline for donations: December 7, 2022

Let's help keep our neighbors warm as colder weather approaches. Through December 7, we will be holding a Winter Clothing Drive for A Safe Place. Please bring in gently used coats, winter clothing, and shoes/boots (in all ladies' sizes) to the Bacon House. You may contact Tanner Dodson with questions or to arrange pickup: tannerbanks82@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your help!

ON THE VERGE! ST. JAMES VERGER MINISTRY

Beginning in Advent, you may notice a new addition to our Sunday services—Vergers.

As with anything new, we anticipate that you may have some questions, such as why do we need them? What will they be doing? Does this mean our worship is changing?

According to the Episcopal Church, a verger is "a lay minister who assists the clergy in the conduct of public worship, especially in the marshaling of processions... The history of the verger dates back to the Middle Ages when the verger was the "Protector of the Procession." The role is primarily found in Anglican and Episcopal churches and is rooted specifically within our tradition.

Here at St. James, vergers will soon begin serving at our 9 am and 11:15 am services for this purpose—to help us as your clergy organize and facilitate our worship, such that everyone who enters our doors will encounter engaging and holy worship to the glory of God.

Vergers are common at churches the size of St. James, and for good reason—there are a lot of people serving each Sunday in different roles! Vergers will check in with clergy, acolytes, and Eucharistic ministers before services; organize processions; be ready to retrieve more bread and wine at communion; and more. While they will be vested for services, this role is far more practical than ceremonial.

To learn more about vergers, I encourage you to read more here: https://www.vergers.org/welcome/new-to-theministry-of-verger

Phillip, Cheryl, and I hope you will see this as wonderful, new leadership opportunity in our parishone that will help all of us as we come together to worship and serve God each and every week.

Yours in Christ,

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The Rev. Gray Hodsdon

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOVEMBER 21-25

• MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF 5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM| Great Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- SJDS THANKSGIVING PROGRAM 11:00 AM| St. James Day School
- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
 5:15 PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 SJDS & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

• HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM| St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING DAY SJDS & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

• THANKSGIVING MORNING PRAYER

 $8:00 \text{ AM} \mid \text{Zoom}$

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 SJDS & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

• NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST 8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:00AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR 10:10 AM | Parish House & Milton Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 11:15 AM | St. James Parish

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the November 28st Digital Grapevine is November 25th.

The deadline for the December Grapevine Magazine is November 21st.

Email communications@stjamesp.org.

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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