



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 7

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Ratisbon

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

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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.**

Song of Praise: S–236

“Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers”

Benedictus es, Domine

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 49:1–7

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 665

Commentary: These verses comprise the second of the Servant Songs in Isaiah. Messiah, the Servant, embodied 'Israel' in its ideal form. In this passage, the Servant announced His availability to be used by His Master whenever needed. Although this Servant's words would be instruments capable of defeating enemies, His ministry appeared to be ineffective when He was carrying it out. However, His work would please God, if not people. The Servant's calling extended far beyond Israel, to nations all over the world. Throughout His ministry, the Servant trusted God, the Holy One of Israel, to bring about the final, victorious outcome.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength

for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1–6

“I waited patiently upon the LORD”

Expectans, expectavi

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



Psalm chant



I waited patiently upon the / **LORD**; *
he stooped to me and heard my / **cry**.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and / **clay**; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing / **sure**.

Antiphon

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our / **God**; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the / **LORD**.

Happy are they who trust in the / **LORD**! *
they do not resort to evil spirits
or turn to false / **gods**.

Antiphon

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your / **plans for us**! *
there is none who can be com-/ **pared with you**.

Oh, that I could make them known and / **tell them**! *
but they are more than I can / **count**.

Antiphon

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

NRSV, p. 1040

Commentary: In Paul's day, Corinth was a commercial hub, a crossroads for merchandise moving by land and sea. Corinth was a wealthy city, known for indulgence, vice, and immorality, as well as for various religious beliefs and practices. Romans, Greeks, Jews and other people of various nationalities lived there. Paul wrote this letter to address questions and controversies that had arisen within the Corinthian church. As was his custom, Paul began the letter by greeting his readers and expressing gratitude to God for them. The Corinthians had been blessed with many spiritual gifts. Paul commended them for their gifts, not their behavior, yet Paul was confident that the Corinthian Christians would one day stand without guilt before the Lord. Paul's confidence did not rest on the Corinthians' ability to persevere faithfully to the end, but on God's ability and promise to keep them safe forever.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in

speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 538

“God of mercy, God of grace”

Lucerna Laudoniae

The Holy Gospel: John 1:29–42

NRSV, p. 968

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“A Song of Deliverance from great Distress”

tune: Nelson;
arr. William Bradley Roberts

When I'm afflicted, poor, and low, and light and peace depart,
my God beholds my heavy woe, and bears me on his heart.
I waited patient for the Lord, he bowed to hear my cry;
He saw me resting on his word, and brought salvation nigh.

He raised me from a horrid pit, where mourning long I lay,
and from my bonds released my feet, deep bonds of miry clay.
Firm on a rock he made me stand, and taught my cheerful tongue
to praise the wonders of his hand, in a new thankful song.

How many are thy thoughts of love! Thy mercies, Lord, how great!
We have not words nor hours enough, their numbers to repeat.
When I'm afflicted, poor, and low, and light and peace depart,
my God beholds my heavy woe, and bears me on his heart.

~Isaac Watts

Presentation Hymn 135

“Songs of thankfulness and praise” *first stanza only*

Salzburg

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

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

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

John Sullivan

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ:' and contains a melodic line. The second staff is labeled 'All sing:' and contains the vocal line with lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.' The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the staff.

The people stand or kneel.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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

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Agnus Dei

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Sullivan

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ:' and contains a melodic line. The second staff is labeled 'All sing:' and contains the vocal line with lyrics: 'Je - sus, — Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of — the world: give — us — your peace.' The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the staff.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 706	“In your mercy, Lord, you called me”	<i>Halton Holgate</i>
Hymn 312	“Strengthen for service, Lord”	<i>Malabar</i>
Hymn 51	“We the Lord’s people, heart and voice uniting”	<i>Decatur Place</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 542 “Christ is the world’s true light” *St. Joan*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



*Celebrant & Preacher: 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
Georgia Cobb Joyner and William Henry Joyner.*

ST. JAMES PARISH

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEKEND

This weekend, the Interfaith Community in Wilmington has come together to live into the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work and ministry. Below are some of the ways the St. James Parish family has been invited to get involved!

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH | 4:00 PM | WARNER TEMPLE AME ZION CHURCH

Faith Leaders United of Wilmington invites you to join us for our annual Community Interfaith Worship service in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, January 15th, 4 PM at Warner Temple AME Zion Church on 620 Nixon Street in downtown Wilmington. Please join our brothers and sister of the many different faith communities that our wonderful city has. Masks required, temperatures will be checked at the door.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY: MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH | 8:00 AM | ZOOM

Join us for a special edition of Morning Prayer as we gather to pray on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Daily Morning Prayer is live on Zoom. Find the link at: stjamesp.org/morning-prayer



DOWNTOWN MLK DAY PARADE

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH | 11:00 AM | 3RD STREET

Along with other members of Faith Leaders United, members of our St. James Clergy will be participating in this year's parade. The parade starts on N. Third Street from Hanover to Princess Streets.



NHC AME CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH | 1:00 - 6:00 PM | ST. STEPHEN'S AME CHURCH

Our parish has been invited to participate in a community outreach project with other Episcopal and AME churches in Wilmington! Sign up to donate blood at St. Stephen AME Church at 501 Red Cross Street.

St. James has been asked to join the effort by providing volunteers to check people in, serving drinks and snacks, etc., and donating blood.

To sign up to donate blood, please go to the American Red Cross site and type in "St. Stephen AME Church, Jan. 16, 2023, zip code of location is 28401" this will carry you to the sign-up page. We are looking forward to being a part of this great event!



FAITH FORMATION

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY-** Beginning the New Year with Joy and Hope - Guest Speaker- The Rev. Robert Bayley - *Lippitt Room or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS-** Where do you see God in your life?- *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*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JANUARY 16-20

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

SJDS & SJP OFFICE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

- MORNING PRAYER: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
8:00 a.m. | Zoom
- NHC AME CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BLOOD DRIVE
1:00-6:00 PM | St. Stephen's AME
- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

SJDS REGISTRATION OPENS TO ALL QUITO MISSION APPLICATIONS DUE

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
10:10 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- YOUTH GROUP
5:00 PM | Perry Hall

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the January 23rd Digital Grapevine is January 19th.
The deadline for the February Grapevine Magazine is January 30th.
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.*

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