



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 381

“Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”

Ton-y-Botel

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

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;*
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;*
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;*
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:1–4

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 624

Commentary: In these verses, Isaiah predicted a time when God would bring light to people who had lost all hope. Galilee, in northern Israel, had suffered greatly under Assyrian rule. God promised to enlighten those in darkness, even though they had done nothing to deserve it. God also announced that He would raise up a future, faithful King, prophecy fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The Lord would deliver His people from their enemies, physical and spiritual. In regions where Assyrian armies had brought darkness and death, the light of Christ's teaching and ministry would eventually shine through.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

People

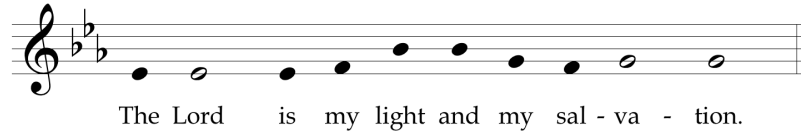
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5–13

“The Lord is my light and my salvation”

Dominus illuminatio

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



Psalm chant:



The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I / **fear?** *

the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be a-/**fraid?**

One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I / **seek;** *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my / **life;**

Antiphon (sung by all)

To behold the fair beauty of the / **LORD** *
and to seek him in his / **temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his / **shelter;** *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a / **rock.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

Even now he lifts up my / **head** *
above my enemies round a-/**bout me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great / **gladness;** *

I will sing and make music to the / **LORD.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I / **call;** *
have mercy on me and / **answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my / **face.”** *
Your face, LORD, will I / **seek.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

Hide not your face / **from me,** *
nor turn away your servant in dis-/**pleasure.**

You have been my helper;
cast me not a-/**way;** *

do not forsake me, O God of my sal-/**vation.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

NRSV, p. 1040

Commentary: The temptation to identify too closely with a human leader predates Christianity; in ancient times devout Jews were often defined by their devotion to a particular rabbinical school. The first major problem Paul addressed in this letter to the Corinthians concerned divisions in the church resulting from excessive loyalty to specific leaders. In boasting about their favorite leaders, the Corinthians were actually boasting about themselves. Paul reminded the Corinthians they had submitted to baptism in order to identify with Jesus Christ, not a human leader. Central to Paul's teaching and preaching was the message of the Cross, which stands in stark contrast to mere human wisdom.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Sequence Hymn 126

"The people who in darkness walked"

Dundee

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12–23

NRSV, p. 881

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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

“Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom”

*tune: Sandon; C. H. Purday, 1860
arr. Robert Lehman*

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on;
the night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on,
o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
and with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

~John Henry Newman

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 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 distributed across the remaining three staves.

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 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 distributed across the remaining two staves.

The Communion of the People

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn 315	“Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray”	<i>Song I</i>
Hymn 577	“God is love, and where true love is”	<i>Ubi caritas</i>
Hymn 661	“They cast their nets in Galilee”	<i>Georgetown</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 530 “Spread, O spread, thou mighty word” *Gott sei Dank*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Assisting Priest: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Julie W. Godley and Ashton Little Godley;
and Margaret Elizabeth Lewis Williams*

FAITH FORMATION

- **DISCIPLE’S CLASS** - Discovering New Spirituality in the Teachings of Father Richard Rohr Speaker: Marion Gittings LCSW
- *Lippitt Room or Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS**- Where do you see God in others?-
Stephen Ministry Room
- **JUBI-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*

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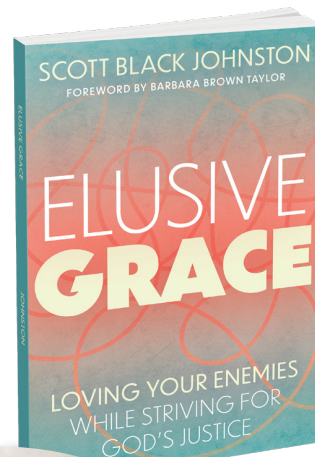
THE REV. DR. SCOTT BLACK JOHNSTON

In partnership with First Presbyterian Church, St. James Episcopal Parish is pleased to announce our Spring Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston. On February 8, 2023, Dr. Johnston, author of *Bread Enough for All* and *Questions Preachers Ask: Essays in Honor of Thomas G. Long*, will be presenting from his most recent book, *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice*.

In *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice*, Dr. Johnston challenges us to consider how we as Christians face the increasing divide in our nation and in the world. As Johnston reminds us, we are called to participate in God's ongoing struggle for justice from a perspective of love.

Dr. Johnston is a husband, a dad, a friend, a pastor, a comic book reader, and a fan of almost any sport that involves a ball. Dr. Johnston serves as the senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. He is always on the lookout for God and good conversation. This lends itself well to his writings. Dr. Johnston frequently writes about Reformed theology, preaching, psalms and prayers. His pieces focus on the challenges, absurdities and joys of an urban faith.

We invite the community to join us on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 for this special presentation. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a reception for Dr. Johnston in the Great Hall followed by his 7:00 p.m. presentation of "Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice" in the St. James sanctuary. Livestreaming and replay opportunities will be available.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JANUARY 23-27

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- MEALS ON WHEELS
All Day | St. James Parish
- 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
- SKI TRIP MEETING
5:00 PM | Perry Hall

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the January 30th Digital Grapevine is January 26th.

The deadline for the February Grapevine Magazine is January 29th.

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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