



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 569

“God the Omnipotent!”

Russia

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Micah 6:1–8

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 850

Commentary: Micah was Isaiah's contemporary and like Isaiah, ministered to Israel's southern kingdom, Judah. Micah's oracles are presented in the form of litigation speeches, where God states His 'case' against His wayward people. In these verses, the Lord was summoning Israel to defend herself in a hypothetical courtroom setting. The Lord called Israel to explain how He had caused them to be so weary of Him that they ceased to obey Him, even though God's actions and intentions for His people had consistently been good. Micah, on behalf

of Israel, asked what would be an appropriate offering to bring to the Lord in view of His merciful care. Micah concluded that God's primary desire was for a heart attitude characterized by justice and mercy toward others, and humble fellowship with God.

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD. With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm 15

"Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?"

Domine, quis habitabit

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



Lord, who may dwell in your ta-ber-na-cle? — Who may a - bide u-pon your ho - ly hill?

Psalm chant:



LORD, who may dwell in your / **tabernacle?** *
 who may abide upon your holy / **hill?**
 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is / **right,** *
 who speaks the truth from his / **heart.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his / **friend;** *
 he does not heap contempt upon his / **neighbor.**
 In his sight the wicked is re-/**jected,** *
 but he honors those who fear the / **LORD.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

He has sworn to do no / **wrong** *
 and does not take back his / **word.**
 He does not give his money in hope of / **gain,** *
 nor does he take a bribe against the / **innocent.**

Second half of chant:
 Whoever does these / **things** *
 shall never be over-/**thrown.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

NRSV, p. 1040

Commentary: Paul pointed out that the gospel message of a crucified Messiah did not appeal to human wisdom and he quoted Isaiah to show that God's method had always been to expose the folly of merely human wisdom. Human reasoning is incapable of understanding God and our relationship to Him. The message of the Cross, of Christ crucified, seemed to be a demonstration of weakness, not strength. However, Christ is the instrument of God's power in conquering the forces of evil and delivering people from their control. Christ is also the instrument of God's wisdom, enabling people to know God and to come to Him. Paul tells us the glory of the gospel is that God extends loving mercy to those whom the world considers of little consequence.

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. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 471

“We sing the praise of him who died”

Breslau

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

NRSV, p. 882

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **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

Robert J. Powell

He has shown you what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you,
but to do justly, and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

~*Micah 6:8*

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 Motet

H. Walford Davies

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for his cradle and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

~John Keble

Communion Hymns

Hymn 318	"Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face"	<i>Nyack</i>
Hymn 593	"Lord, make us servants of your peace"	<i>Dickinson College</i>
Hymn 656	"Blest are the pure in heart"	<i>Franconia</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 557 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart!" *Vinyard Haven*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Deacon: The Reverend Deacon Kitty Davis

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
Dorothy Costello and Kathryn van Arsdale Young.*

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PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING CLASSES

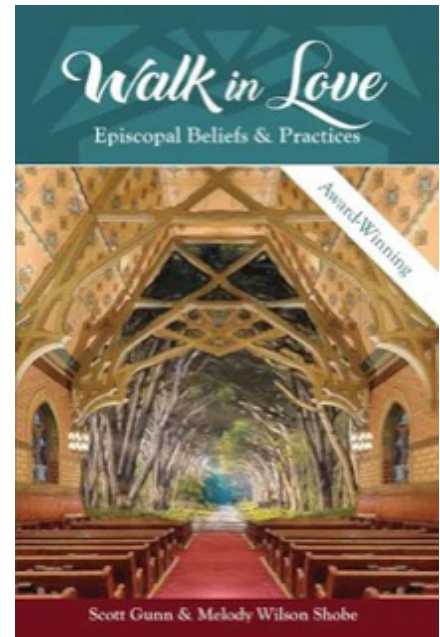
Beginning Thursday, February 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

Mark your calendar for Praying Shapes Believing (PSB) which begins Thursday, February 16, 2023, 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Lippitt Room.

- Has it been a while since Confirmation?
- Are you thinking of making St. James your permanent home but have come from another denomination or faith group and want to know more before committing?
- Do you wish to deepen your faith or just want to get to know some folks?

If you answered yes to any of the above, this is for you! “Praying Shapes Believing” (PSB) is a class that offers something for the above scenarios and more. All are welcome. PSB also serves as Confirmation Class for adults who want to be confirmed or received in April 2023.

In this 7-week class, we will begin with prayer and ice breaker questions to ponder, read through *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*, hear from a seasoned speaker, and get to know one another better. We invite you to come as you are - comfortable! We'll have some light refreshments. If you have any questions or need a copy of the book, please contact or the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org.



GET INVOLVED: UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

St. James Parish is deeply involved with the community. We believe we can only build a stronger community by working together. We put the motto of “Love your neighbor as yourself” at the forefront of our work! If you are interested in serving or would like to know more about these and the many other ways St. James’ parishioners serve the greater Wilmington area, please contact communications@stjamesp.org or call our office!

- The St. James Men on a Mission group has agreed to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Good Shepherd Center. We need volunteers for February 7th and 21st. Shifts run from 4:30 PM to about 7:00 PM. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty to volunteer (bmcmetry@arris.partners)!
- Join us for the 2023 Second Saturday Cleanups with Cape Fear River Watch. St. James’ participation with the clean-ups begins on February 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM. The location will be shared closer to the date-of. You can sign up on CFRW’s website or contact parishioner David Joyner for more information (davidbilljoyner@gmail.com).
- 2Share Furniture pickup and delivery with Men on a Mission - On Saturday mornings a group goes out to pick up donated furniture, furnishings, etc. and then delivers the same to families in our community who have almost nothing. If you would like to be a part of the MoM 2Share Squad, contact Alex Murchison (alexsmurchison@gmail.com).

FAITH FORMATION

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS & FAITH DISCUSSIONS-** Serving Our Neighbor: Radical Hospitality - Guest Speaker: The Rev. Deacon Kitty Davis - *The Great Hall or on Zoom!*
- **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*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JAN. 30 - FEB. 3

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 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, FEBRUARY 2

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- SJDS 4's HOST DONUTS WITH DADS
9:00 AM | St. James Day School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- HAPPENING #79 TEAM MEETING
10 AM - 3:30 PM | New Bern
- OUT OF THE DARKNESS: SUICIDE PREVENTION CLASSES
10 AM - 3:00 PM | CFCC Regist. Req.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- BRUNSWICK STEW PICK UP
8:30 - 11:30 AM | Cloister
- 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 February 6th Digital Grapevine is February 3rd.

The deadline for the February Grapevine Magazine is February 20th.

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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