



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 397

“Now thank we all our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 58:1–12

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 674

Commentary: This is not the first time that God, through His prophet Isaiah, pointed out the futility of Israel simply adhering to a system of worship without changing attitudes and conduct. The people were practicing religious ritual in an attempt to manipulate God into blessing them; they were bowing their heads but not their hearts. This outward demonstration of devotion to God was filled with religious hypocrisy, but if the people changed their focus, putting God and the needs of others before self-interest, the Lord promised He would hear their prayers and they would enjoy His presence. As a blessing for repentance, God promised His light in place

of gloom and He promised to sustain His people in their times of hardship. In addition, true worshippers would be able to rebuild what sin had previously torn down.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1–10

“Happy are they who fear the Lord”

Beatus vir

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



Hap - py are they whose de - light is in the law of the Lord.

Psalm chant:



Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the / **Lord** *
and have great delight in his com-/ **mandments!**
Their descendants will be mighty in the / **land;** *
the generation of the upright will be / **blesed.**

Antiphon

Wealth and riches will be in their / **house,** *
and their righteousness will last for / **ever.**
Light shines in the darkness for the / **upright;** *
the righteous are merciful
and full of com-/ **passion.**

Antiphon

It is good for them to be generous in / **lending** *
and to manage their affairs with / **justice.**
For they will never be / **shaken;** *
the righteous will be kept
in everlasting re-/ **membrance.**

Antiphon

They will not be afraid of any evil / **rumors;** *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the / **Lord.**
Their heart is established and will not / **shrink,** *
until they see their desire upon their / **enemies.**

Second half of chant

They have given freely to the / **poor,** *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with / **honor.**

Antiphon

Commentary: As Paul continued to address conflicts and challenges in the Corinthian church, he expanded on a theme previously introduced, the contrast between God's wisdom and man's wisdom. As an illustration, Paul used the example of his own preaching to show what the wisdom of God can do as opposed to what the words that people consider wise can do. Paul centered his preaching on one message, the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. Paul's goal was to focus his hearers on the excellence of the Savior, not the excellence of the preacher, and his point was this: the wisdom of God is manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. With help from the Holy Spirit, every believer can grow in understanding of God's wisdom.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 516

"Come down, O Love divine"

Down Ampney

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13–20

NRSV, p. 882

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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

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

*Celebrant
People*

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

George Elvey;
arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

Arise, shine; for thy light is come,
and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people;

but the LORD shall arise upon thee,
and his glory shall be seen upon thee,
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

~Text from Isaiah 60:1-3 (KJV)

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

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

Organ:

All sing:

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 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.

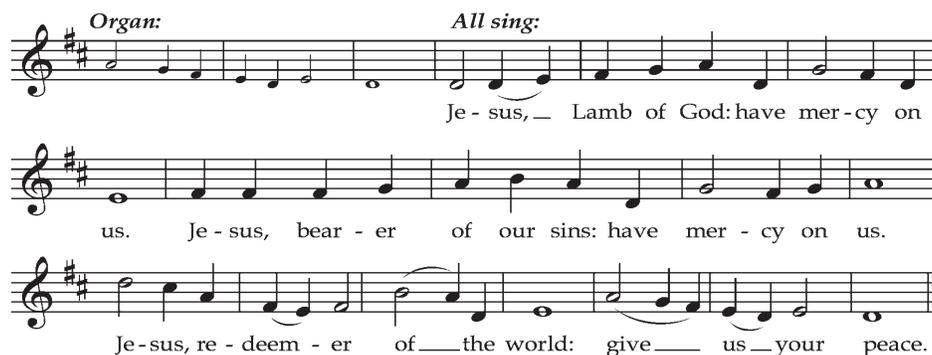
The Breaking of the Bread

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Agnus Dei

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Sullivan



Organ: *All sing:*
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 Communion of the People

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn 314	“Humbly I adore thee”	<i>Adoro devote</i>
Hymn 341	“For the bread which you have broken”	<i>Omni die</i>
Hymn 513	“Like the murmur of the dove's song”	<i>Bridegroom</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 655

“O Jesus, I have promised”

Nyland

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

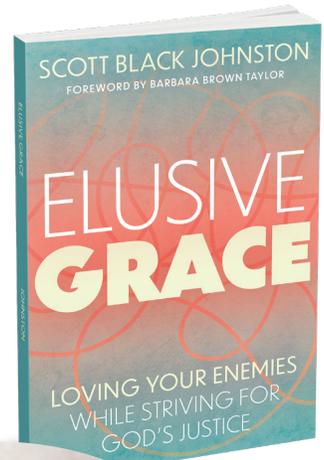
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Carroll Fox.

THE ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES &
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENT

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*.

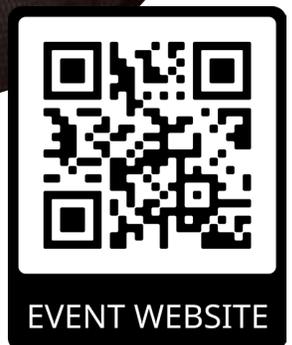


In *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice*, Dr. Johnston challenges us to consider how we as Christians face the increasing divide in our nation and in the world. As Johnston reminds us, we are called to participate in God's ongoing struggle for justice from a perspective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



**ST. JAMES
SPEAKER SERIES**



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FAITH FORMATION

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS & FAITH DISCUSSIONS-** Serving Our Young Neighbors: The Communities In Schools Program
- Speaker: Louise Hicks, Executive Director at Communities In Schools of the Cape Fear - *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., FEBRUARY 6-10

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

DEADLINE FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER EXPERIENCE SIGN-UPS

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- MoM SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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

• RECEPTION FOR OUR SPEAKER:

THE REV. DR. SCOTT BLACK JOHNSTON
6:00 PM | Great Hall

• SPEAKER SERIES: ELUSIVE GRACE- STRIVING FOR GOD'S JUSTICE

7:00 PM | St. James Parish or via Livestream

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

SJP YOUTH SKI TRIP BEGINS

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UP
WITH CAPE FEAR RIVER WATCH
9:00 AM | Sign Up for Location

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SJP YOUTH SKI TRIP CONCLUDES

- 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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the February 13th Digital Grapevine is February 10th.

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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