



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 594

“God of grace and God of glory”

Cwm Rhondda

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 185

Commentary: In this eloquent passage, Moses summarized all of the instructions, all of the warnings and all of the potential blessings the Israelites needed to remember when they entered the Promised Land. In his final address to the people he loved, Moses kept returning to one key theme: obedience. If the people obeyed God's law, they would be blessed with life and prosperity, but for disobedience, they could expect curses and death. In the Promised Land the Israelites would be surrounded by pagan nations. The only way to preserve their unique

identity as God's chosen people was by adhering to the law God had revealed to them. Israel's best incentive to obey God was also the highest motive, love for God. The choice to love or not love God is one of life's major decisions, it sets the tone for every decision that follows.

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1–8

"Happy are they whose way is blameless"

Beati immaculati

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



My de-light is in your sta-tutes; I will not for-get your word.

Psalm chant



Happy are they whose way is / **blameless,** *
 who walk in the law of the / **Lord!**
 Happy are they who observe his de-/**crees** *
 and seek him with all their / **hearts!**

Antiphon

Who never do any / **wrong,** *
 but always walk in his / **ways.**
 You laid down your com-/**mandments,** *
 that we should fully / **keep them.**

Antiphon

Oh, that my ways were made so / **direct** *
 that I might keep your / **statutes!**
 Then I should not be put to / **shame,** *
 when I regard all your com-/**mandments.**

Antiphon

I will thank you with an unfeigned / **heart,** *
 when I have learned your righteous / **judgments.**
 I will keep your / **statutes;** *
 do not utterly for-/**sake me.**

Antiphon

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

NRSV, p. 1041

Commentary: Paul had previously described the difference between God's wisdom and human wisdom. He now told the Corinthians they were not seeing things from a spiritual point of view. When Paul had been with them they were new converts, so he appropriately fed them with spiritual milk, the basics of the faith. Now, when they should have been ready to digest more solid teaching, their spiritual immaturity was holding them back. An example of spiritual immaturity was their preference for one teacher over another. Paul pointed out that the Corinthian teachers were all fellow workers under God's sovereign authority. Then and now, personality cliques can only divide the church, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ draws us together.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave

the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Sequence Hymn 512

“Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove”

Mendon

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21–37

NRSV, p. 882

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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

Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, bring hither the tabret:
the merry harp with the lute.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:
e'en in the time appointed,
And upon our solemn feast day.

For this was made a statute for Israel:
and a law of the God of Jacob.

~Psalm 81:1-4

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 placed below the notes on the second, third, fourth, and fifth 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 and third staves are labeled 'All sing:' and contain 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 placed below the notes on the second, third, and fourth staves.

The Communion of the People

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn 304	“I come with joy to meet my Lord”	<i>Land of Rest</i>
Hymn 674	“Forgive our sins as we forgive”	<i>Detroit</i>
Hymn 593	“Lord, make us servants of your peace”	<i>Dickinson College</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 347 “Go forth for God; go to the world in peace”

Litton

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Assisting Priest: 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
Bishop Thomas H. Wright, Hannah K. Wright,
James B. Lindsey, Ruth Lindsey,
Kay Lindsey Ellington, and James B. Lindsey Jr.*

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SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

The seasons of the church year are the seasons of the Christian life, that is, moments of God's life made manifest through Jesus Christ. And so they are the seasons of every human life, as it is illuminated by the Gospel. In late February, we celebrate Shrove Tuesday and gather together before we begin the 40 days of Lent. The season of Lent is a time when we contemplate the separation from God we faced prior to the love and sacrifice of Jesus. In the seven weeks of Easter, we rejoice in the triumph of life, God's life over death. Often during Lent, there are good reasons to feel deeply glad. Easter joy is a mystical reality made possible by faith, yet the equally real grief and suffering that now afflicts some of us, will not magically evaporate come Easter morning. We invite you to journey with us through this time of grief and triumph.

SHROVE TUESDAY

MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM | Zoom

Join us for a Jazz Morning Prayer as we gather to celebrate Shrove Tuesday! Daily Morning Prayer is live on Zoom!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 | 6:00 PM | Perry Hall

Save the date! Shrove Tuesday is coming and with it, our Annual Pancake Supper February 21st is Shrove Tuesday. It's one of those days that we Episcopalians love to celebrate. What exactly is Shrove Tuesday? What do we do? Why do we celebrate?

Christians started celebrating Shrove Tuesday in the 16th Century. In the days preceding Lent, a season of fasting, was observed. Fatty foods, such as milk and butter, were consumed prior to the fasting. The goal was to use up these ingredients, as they wouldn't be able to be consumed during Lent. So, on Shrove Tuesday, we celebrate with pancakes, rich in butter and milk. We also eat meat, bacon and sausage, and indulge ourselves one last time before Lent.

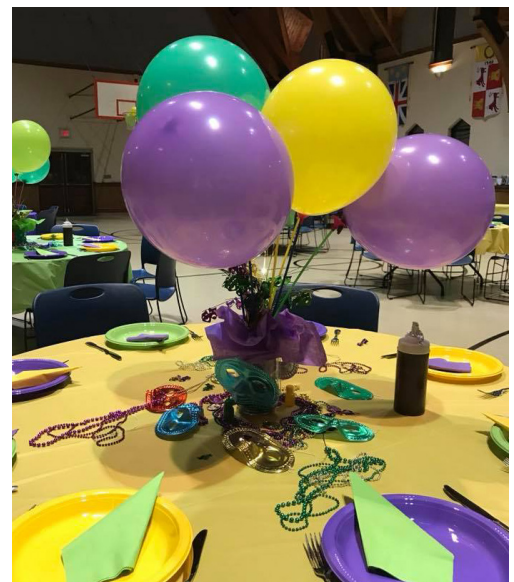
In modern times, many don't take fasting literally. However, the Lenten Season is important in the Episcopal Church, as is Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is an important time to join with your parishioners, have a meal, and enjoy each other's company. Bring a friend or two and join us in the Perry Hall on Tuesday, February 21 from 6:00 -7:15 p.m. as we celebrate the last day before Lent. Proceeds from this event support the outreach efforts of our St. James Youth! \$5/per adult \$3.00/child Maximum for Family \$20.

ASH WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP WITH US

On Ash Wednesday, we will offer several opportunities to gather and participate in the imposition of ashes. Below is a list of our offerings.

- **7:00 AM** - Morning Ash Wednesday Service
- **8:00 AM** - Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer on Zoom - *no imposition of ashes at this service.*
- **12:10 PM** - Ash Wednesday Service
- **7:00 PM** - Evening Ash Wednesday Service



FAITH FORMATION

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS, FAITH DISCUSSIONS & JUBILATTE ROUND TABLE** - Combined Faith Formation- Meet with wider parish family for a time of sharing with our Vestry. - Great Hall or on Zoom
- **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 13-17

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- COHI MEETING
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY LAND MEETING
5:30 PM | Youth Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS BEGIN

- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING
6:00 PM | Lippitt Room
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room
- HOLY LAND MEETING
7:00 PM | Zoom

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- HAPPENING #79 CANDIDATE DEADLINE TODAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 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 20th Digital Grapevine is February 17th.

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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