



# THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

## Prelude

Processional Hymn 542

“Christ is the world’s true Light”

*St. Joan*

## 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, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 24:12–18

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 69

*Commentary: Before he joined Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (see Matthew 17:3), Moses had his own mountaintop experience as this passage from Exodus revealed. God summoned Moses to the mountaintop to receive the stone tablets of the law, instructions for building the tabernacle, and guidelines for proper worship. Moses stayed on the mountain forty days and nights, completely dependent on God. There were three powerful indications of God’s glory displayed on the mountain: the cloud, the fire and the voice. The spectacular vision of*

*the glory of the Lord terrified the Israelites, but they soon forgot their reverent fear of God and turned to idolatry (see Exodus 32).*

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

“The Lord is King; let the people tremble”

*Dominus regnavit*

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



Pro-claim the great-ness of the Lord our God; he is the Ho-ly One.

**Psalm chant**



The Lord is King; let the people / **tremble**; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth / **shake**.  
The LORD is great in / **Zion**; \*  
he is high above all / **peoples**.

### Antiphon

Let them confess his Name, which is great and / **awesome**; \*  
he is the / **Holy One**.  
“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established / **equity**; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in / **Jacob**.”

### Antiphon

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his / **footstool**; \*  
he is the / **Holy One**.  
Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his / **Name**, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he / **answered them**.

### Antiphon

He spoke to them out of the pillar of / **cloud**; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he / **gave them**.  
“O Lord our God, you answered them in- / **deed**; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil / **deeds**.”

*Second half of chant:*

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy / **hill**; \*  
for the Lord our God is the / **Holy One**.

### Antiphon

## The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16–21

*NRSV*, p. 1109

*Commentary: In these verses, Peter emphasized two themes, the trustworthiness of the apostles' witness, and the divine origin of Scripture. False teachers were attacking the faith, so Peter reminded his readers that the apostles' testimony rested on historic events they had personally observed. Peter was an eyewitness to Jesus' transfiguration, which was indisputable evidence that God Himself had appointed His beloved Son to be the Savior of the world and had bestowed upon Him unique honor for the task. Peter affirmed that the witness of*

*the apostles, as well as the witness of Scripture, was from God. Until the Lord returns, Peter urged his readers to give attention to the Old Testament prophecies and to the apostles' teaching so they would not be misled by false teachers. False teaching flows from human minds. Truth flows from the heart and mind of God.*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn 7

"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

*Ratisbon*

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

*NRSV*, p. 896

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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.**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem**

Rachel Aarons

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.  
Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

*~Charles Wesley*

**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**

*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** “All who hunger gather gladly” *Holy Manna*

All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand’ring, Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**Hymn 316** “This is the hour of banquet and of song” *Canticum refectionis*

**Hymn 302** “Father, we thank thee who hast planted” *Rendez à dieu*

### 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 137** “O wondrous type! O vision fair” *Wareham*

### 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  
Joseph Ward Hooper, Louise Smallbones Hooper  
Joseph Ward Hooper Jr., and Margaret Hooper Turner, Terry Forrest Turner.*

## ST. JAMES PARISH

# 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 | 5:30PM | 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 5:30 -7:00 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** - Neighbors in the Old & New Testament - Speaker- Susan Ingle - *The Great Hall or via 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 20-24

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

#### **PRESIDENT'S DAY: SJDS & PARISH OFFICE ARE CLOSED**

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

#### **SHROVE TUESDAY**

- MORNING PRAYER: JAZZ EDITION  
8:00 AM | Zoom
- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING  
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND BINGO NIGHT  
5:30-7:00 PM | Perry Hall

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
7:00 AM PM | St. James Parish
- MORNING PRAYER: ASH WED,  
8:00 AM | Zoom
- ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
7:00 PM | St. James Parish

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 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 | Youth Room & Perry Hall

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*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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